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## SWEDEN'S POLICY MAY LEAD TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

### RED ARMY MASSING FOR NEW OFFENSIVE

Tromsø, To-day.

Large Soviet reinforcements are being concentrated near Murmansk for what seems likely to be a large-scale offensive in the extreme north of Finland.

Following landings by the Red Army on both sides of Petsamo Fjord, troops began to move up in large numbers from Murmansk, according to Finnish air observations.

The Finns have a military force of 20,000 in this area, with a strong natural defence system, and sanguinary fighting appears to be imminent.

Petsamo is still in Finnish hands.—  
Reuter.

### RED ARMY'S REPUTATION AT STAKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.

IF THE SO HIGHLY PRAISED RED ARMY IS UNABLE TO ACHIEVE IN A FEW DAYS THE DOMINATION OF DIMINUTIVE FINLAND, THE JAPANESE ARE LIKELY TO DRAW CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS FROM THE SITUATION, IN THE OPINION OF THE ZURICH NEWSPAPER, "VOLKSRECHT."

The journal points out that Italy is watching the situation with equal interest for with any sign of a loss of Soviet prestige, such a loss will increase the tendency of the Baltic nations to rely on Italy for protection against Soviet imperialism.—Havas.

### SECRET SESSION OF PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK

London, To-day.

It is understood that the secret session of the House of Commons will be on December 13. Parliament is expected to adjourn on December 14 until January 16.—Reuter.

### ITALY'S LEAGUE WITHDRAWAL

Rome, To-day.

It is authoritatively affirmed that Italy's withdrawal from the League will become effective on December 11.—Reuter.

**POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE** are of the opinion that the attitude to be taken by Sweden at Geneva in the name of all the Scandinavian countries will be highly significant, and that it will possibly entail unforeseen developments in Northern Europe.

It is pointed out that from the start of the Red invasion of Finland, Swedish public opinion has adopted the strongest and most unequivocal attitude towards Russia.

During the first days of the Soviet aggression over 600 Swedes in Stockholm alone enlisted in the Finnish Army while recruiting offices were opened in many other Swedish cities, and they were literally besieged by applicants.

Within a few hours over 400,000 kronen were collected for the Finnish Red Cross. Popular feeling compelled the Minister of Justice to ban the Communist Party in Sweden.

Sweden's pro-Finnish policy is likely to meet many difficulties.

#### GERMAN CHARGES

Germany already accuses Sweden, and especially her Foreign Minister, Mr. Sandler, of the responsibility for Finland's present fate, for he is said to have encouraged Finnish resistance against the Soviet proposals at the recent diplomatic conferences.

The impending reshuffle of the Swedish Cabinet will most likely be effected along the lines on which the Finnish Cabinet was reorganised, that

Paris, To-day.

is, it will aim at giving the Government a stronger national basis.—Havas.

### PLANS FOR EVACUATION OF STOCKHOLM (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

For the past two months the Swedish Government has been busy making preparations for the evacuation of women and children from the main cities in case of emergency.

It is understood the Swedish plan is based on the British evacuation scheme which went into effect shortly before the outbreak of war.

The Swedish authorities declare that Swedes wishing to volunteer for service in the Finnish Army are free to do so provided the recruiting is not done in Swedish territory.—Havas.

### CABLE CODE DECISION

It is announced that one authenticating code group consisting of five figures or five letters may be included in Remittance Telegrams of leading Insurance, Shipping and Commercial Houses. The Chief Cable Censor is authorised, at his discretion, to demand production of the code book used.

### SCANDINAVIAN CONFERENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

It is officially stated that the Foreign Ministers of Sweden and Denmark are due here on Thursday to confer with their Norwegian colleagues on questions to be submitted to the League of Nations in connexion with the Red invasion of Finland.—Havas.

**WEATHER FORECAST:**—North-East winds, moderate to fresh; fine.

## COERCIVE MEASURES BY U.S.?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Agitation is developing for the severance of diplomatic relations with the Soviet, and the question is passing the plane of home politics.

Republican leaders such as ex-President Herbert Hoover and Senator Vandenberg assert that the Soviet violated its promise not to engage in propaganda in the United States, and the Republican Party is developing the viewpoint that President Roosevelt blundered in recognising the Soviet in 1933.

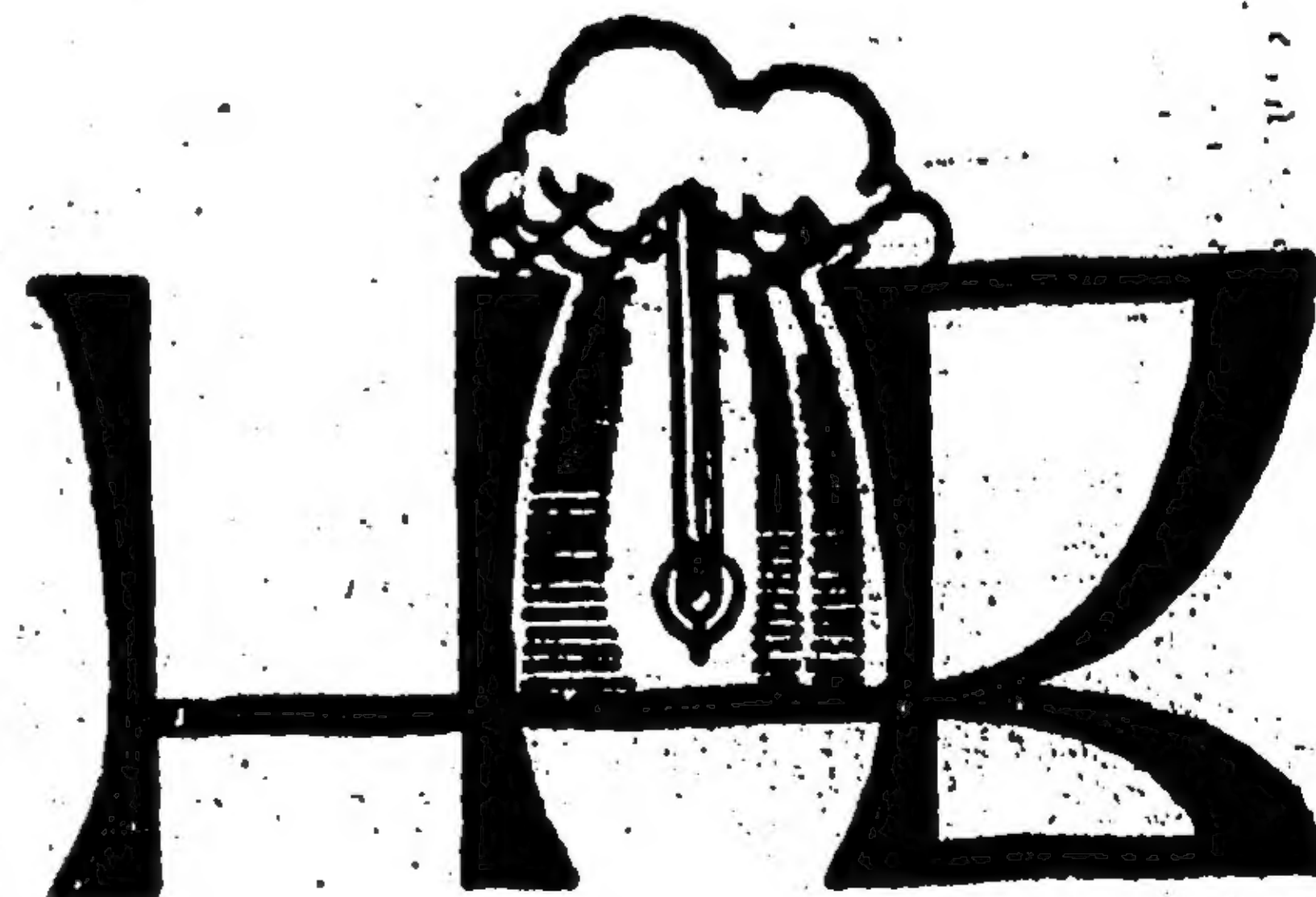
Despite this agitation it seems that the situation contains elements capable of further strengthening President Roosevelt's prestige.

#### A PRECEDENT

The man-in-the-street sees that the Neutrality Act is not applicable to the Finnish conflict, and realises that the legislation makes no distinction between aggressed and aggressor.

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# BRITAIN'S MILLION AND A HALF MEN UNDER ARMS

London, To-day.  
**GREAT BRITAIN NOW HAS between 1,250,000  
and 1,500,000 men under arms.**

Announcing this yesterday, the Lord Privy Seal, Sir Samuel Hoare, said there would be another great increase in the next few months.

Side by side with the fighting Services was a great citizen army engaged in A.R.P.

Our programme of air construction had been doubled, and we were building 1,000,000 tons of shipping.

In the last two years, says another statement issued yesterday, there are now six times the number of Government munitions factories. In the last six months these factories had been doubled, and they would be doubled again in the next six months. — Reuter.

## RAPID DEVELOPMENT

London, To-day.  
The production of ammunition of all sorts has doubled during the past six months, and this new output will be doubled again in the next six months.

The number of Government factories has increased six-fold in the past two years, and next year will increase by eight times the original number.

Commercial expansion hitherto has been less rapid, but next year the number may exceed the Government factories.

One Government factory produced its first gun, a year from the commencement of building. This is typical of the rapidity of production of which Britain is capable. — Reuter.

## SOUTH AFRICAN WAR GIFTS

Capetown, To-day.  
The South African War Fund has decided to send £100,000 to Britain as a Christmas gift.  
One million South African cigarettes will be sent to British troops on the western front, and another million to French troops, as a Christmas box.

After this one million cigarettes will be sent to men at the front every month. — Reuter.

## KING'S TOUR IN FRANCE

London, To-day.  
The King yesterday spent eight hours with his armies in the field on the western front.

In the morning, His Majesty inspected a secret R.A.F. aerodrome "somewhere in France," and then went up to the actual front line.

Here he reviewed a battalion of Highlanders only a quarter of a mile from the British barbed-wire entanglements facing the German lines.

The King had lunch with the British Commander-in-Chief, General Viscount Gort, at an estaminet which is usually used as the corporals' mess of a Guards battalion.

As the convoy headed by the King's car flying the Royal Standard returned in the twilight to G.H.Q., little crowds of French people lined the streets of towns and villages waving a welcome. — Reuter.

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1. Congress passes the Neutrality Bill.
2. President Roosevelt signs the Resolution.
3. The German Air Attack on the Firth of Forth.
4. General Ganelin and General Viscount Gort inspect the Front.
5. Reconnaissance and attack mission over German lines.
6. Latest pictures of Tientsin Blockade.
7. Actual attack on the Japanese invaders by Chinese Guerrillas.
8. China's Amazon Army, etc., etc.

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Myrna Loy, Robert Taylor in  
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# SHARP SETBACK FOR JAPANESE NEAR NANNING

**Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.**  
**THE JAPANESE SUFFERED** a serious defeat in the hills north-east of Nanning on Monday, according to belated messages received to-day. The Chinese carried out a large-scale counter-attack near Pat-tong and compelled the Japanese to retreat to the outskirts of Nanning.

## FRITZ KUHN SENTENCED

**New York, To-day.**  
Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, the pro-Nazi organisation, was yesterday sentenced to from two and a half years to five years imprisonment for embezzlement of the Bund's funds.

In passing sentence, the Judge said he did not send this Kuhn to jail because he was a hate-dispenser or a rabble-rouser because there are thousands of others in the United States.

But even the funds of an organisation like the German-American Bund were entitled to the protection of the law. — Reuter.

## THE CHATER COLLECTION

Expert examination of the pictures in the Collection bequeathed to the Hong Kong Government by the late Sir Paul Chater has revealed serious deterioration in their condition which

In this battle, Japanese suffered heavy casualties. The Chinese troops captured several light field pieces and machine-guns.

Japanese reinforcements have arrived at Nanning and the Chinese were last reported to be falling back to their previous positions in the hills, owing to constant heavy raids of Japanese aircraft.

Three Japanese planes raided Lim-chowfu, north of Pakhoi, yesterday.

One of the Japanese planes is said to have been shot down by Chinese "archies."

Areas north of Pakhoi are infested with bandits who are carrying out daring raids on villages in daylight. — Our Own Correspondent.

### COUNTER-ATTACK AT YAMCHOW

**Kweilin, To-day.**  
Chinese forces are counter-attacking at Yamchow, according to military advices. — Central News.

is attributable to the ravages of the climate, insects, mould, etc. Government is advised that these pictures can be restored at an estimated cost of \$3,500 and, with proper care and maintenance, for which arrangements are being made, saved from further deterioration.

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# Sweden Closes Gulf Of Bothnia To Soviet Fleet

## WATERS MINED: FORTS MANNED

### AMERICANS MAY JOIN CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Ottawa, To-day.  
It was announced here yesterday that United States citizens can now volunteer for service in the Royal Canadian Air Force. They must take the Oath to the Crown on joining.—Reuter.

### MERCANTILE MARINE BADGE

London, To-day.  
It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the King has approved the issue of a badge to the Mercantile Marine, beginning on January 1.

The badge would be issued to deep sea fishermen as well as to other members of the Merchant Navy facing wartime dangers.—Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.  
**IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONARY** measures taken by the Swedish Government, in view of the Baltic crisis, include a step which has the effect of closing the Gulf of Bothnia to the Soviet Baltic Fleet. It was officially announced in Stockholm last night that the waters between the Swedish north-eastern coast and the Aaland Islands have been mined. As Finland has mined waters between the Aaland Islands and the Finnish coast, the Gulf is now completely closed.

In addition, Sweden has extinguished all navigational lights on the east coast of Sweden, and has ordered partial mobilisation, on a scale which will bring 40,000 additional men to the Colours immediately and further contingents shortly.

The Defence Minister, in an official statement, said that strong reinforcements had been sent to the coastal fortifications, and several areas inside Swedish territorial waters have been mined, in addition to the Aaland Island field. Preparations have also been completed for the evacuation of the entire civilian population of Stockholm should the need arise.—Reuter.

#### AMERICANS ARRIVE IN STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, To-day.  
American fugitives from Helsinki arrived here to-day and were greeted

### BIGGER PLANES AT KAI TAK

Kai Tak Airport's bridges over the nullahs crossing the landing ground are to be strengthened.

They were built for a maximum load of 9 tons, but heavier aircraft (up to 12 tons) now using the port require to be safeguarded.

Temporary shoring has been put in hand at an estimated cost of \$7,500, pending reconstruction.

by the U.S. Minister to Sweden.

The U.S. Legation staff are remaining in Finland at a small village near Helsinki. — Reuter.

### 3,000,000 MILES BY AIR PATROLS

London, To-day.

In no way is the development of the air arm for war purposes more evident than in the extended area of the sea now regularly patrolled by aeroplanes of the Coastal Command.

It is estimated that three million miles have been flown by these machines since the war outbreak, and their duties include not only submarine search and destruction (the precise success of the latter, although known to be high, cannot accurately be assessed) and keeping watch over the herring fleet, but also directing aid to attacked ships.

These duties require a high degree of navigational skill, and in this the personnel excel.

The number of aircraft patrolling at any one time depends upon visibility.

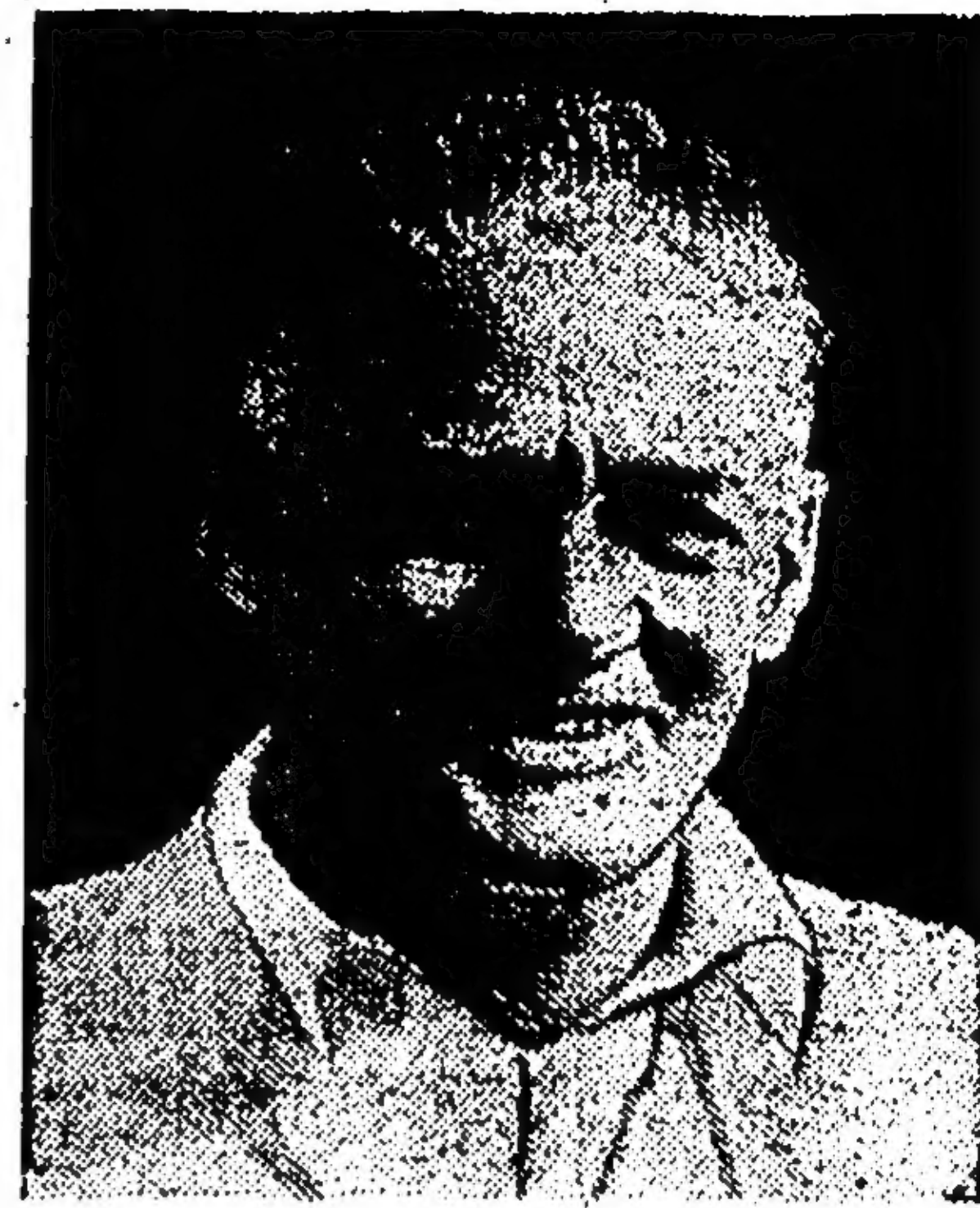
A constant watch and ward is kept and such number of aeroplanes as are needed adequately to cover the vast sea area at low heights is the number employed.—British Wireless.

### SIR JOHN SIMON AT THE FRONT

London, To-day.

Another British visitor to the western front yesterday was the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon.

Taking time off from his talks with the French Finance Minister, Sir John saw several secret R.A.F. aerodromes. — Reuter.



Lord Nuffield, who has made a magnificent gift of £1,250,000 in Morris Motor shares for Britain's hospitals.

### NUFFIELD GIVES HUGE SUM

London, To-day.

Lord Nuffield has given 1,000,000 Morris Motor shares, worth nearly £1,250,000, to create a central Hospital Fund for the provinces.

Lord Nuffield expressed the hope that from this Fund and the King's Fund in London there would ultimately emerge a truly national Hospital Fund. — Reuter.

#### NATIONAL HOSPITAL SERVICE

Lord Nuffield's latest munificence was announced in the House of Commons by the Minister of Health, Mr. Walter Elliott during a debate on social services.

He said that in his letter, Lord Nuffield expressed the hope that the voluntary hospitals would carry on their magnificent work, but pointed out the changes in conditions which made a Central Fund for the Provinces essential.

"It is my hope," says Lord Nuffield, "that a truly national hospital service may be evolved."

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

Mr. Elliott, replying to the debate, said that the Government was devoting £50 millions more this year to social services than in 1931, and this at a time when Hitler was increasing the hours of labour of the working class in Germany and Gen. Goering was telling the German workers that they would have to tighten their belts "and would be all the better for it." — Reuter.

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# ASTONISHING FIXED TIN PRICE ANOMALY REVEALED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

THE TIN QUOTA WAS THE subject of questions in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. R. Stokes (Lahour, Ipswich).

Mr. Stokes asked whether the President of the Board of Trade was aware that the United States demand for tin equals the maximum unrestricted production of British Malaya, and whether, as under the international control agreement, any signatory may apply for permission to increase production beyond the agreed quota.

Mr. Stokes also asked why this application had not been made in view of representations from United States consumers, and further asked whether, with a view to benefiting British industry and the dollar exchange position, the President of the Board of Trade would consider removing the restriction on production and de-controlling the price, so that it would assume its normal level.

Mr. Stokes further asked whether the Dutch had been consulted before the maximum price limit had been fixed for all tin smelted in the United Kingdom and Malaya.

## REAL REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Secretary for the Colonies, replied that he was satisfied the International Tin Committee were doing what was necessary to meet the market's real requirements.

It could not be in the interests of colonial dependencies and producers to take the action advocated.

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No such requests had been made by the Malayan and Nigerian Governments.

The question of price control was under the Government's constant consideration.

The Dutch representatives on the International Tin Committee had been kept informed before the maximum price limit was fixed for all tin smelted in the United Kingdom and Malaya.

## AN ADVANTAGE?

Mr. Stokes asked if the Minister considered it advantageous that tin should be sold at £236 a ton fixed from Malaya, brought by foreign intermediaries and resold to the United States for £350 a ton.

Mr. Macdonald replied that this matter was under constant consideration. It was never intended that the fixing of prices should necessarily be permanent.

Mr. Stokes: Does the Minister propose to do anything about it?

Mr. Macdonald: It would be foolish to announce any intention beforehand.

## MR. STOKES PERSISTS

Mr. Stokes then asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer why advantage had not been taken of the high tin price ruling for some time past in the United States to obtain greatly increased supplies of dollar currency instead of fixing the maximum Sterling price limit at a figure which was low when expressed in terms of dollars.

Mr. Macdonald, replying for the

## RAIDS ON GERMAN SAAR FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique revealed that the Germans made a number of raids on the western front yesterday, all of which failed.

It is not stated where the raids took place, but it is known that the Germans have recently been busy in the Liesembourg region.

Yesterday's German communique said there was heavy French artillery yesterday near the Luxembourg frontier. — Reuter.

## GERMAN COMMUNIQUE

Berlin, To-day.

There was increased activity yesterday on the Western Front, according to the official German war communique.

There was minor local activity, says the communique, except for some "stronger enemy artillery action east of the Moselle River." — Reuter.

## WOMEN PILOTS

London, To-day.

Women pilots in England are to fly new R.A.F. planes from the factory to the aerodrome. — Reuter.

Chancellor, stated that soon after the outbreak of war the Government decided, as part of their general policy of preventing undue rises in the prices of essential commodities, to fix a maximum price for tin in this country, and had requested the Governor of the Straits Settlements to take parallel action in that colony.

It was never intended that these maximum prices should be maintained indefinitely without regard to the level of prices elsewhere. — Reuter.

## RUDOLF'S CREW LANDED

London, To-day.

After 23 hours in an open boat the captain and five of the crew of the British steamer *Rudolf* were landed by trawler at a Scottish port yesterday.

The steamer carried a crew of 23, of whom nine are presumed to have been lost. — Reuter.

## FUKIEN INVASION PREDICTED

Shanghai, To-day.

Foochow, the only "unoccupied" port along the China Coast, is expected to be invaded soon by the Japanese, according to reports circulated in the city last night.

It is said that the Japanese military and naval authorities have completed all plans for the Fukien invasion.

The military and navy have already received orders to stand by. — Our Own Correspondent.

## DEFENCE TALKS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Pretoria, To-day.

Southern Rhodesian leaders and military experts have arrived here for defence talks with the Union of South Africa. — Reuter.

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# Lord Halifax On Britain's War And Peace Aims

## PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED BY SOVIET'S ATTACK ON FINLAND: RIGHTING WRONGS

London, To-day.

**REPLYING TO THE DEBATE** in the House of Lords on the war and our peace aims the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, said he would summarize what the British war purposes appeared to him to be.

Lord Halifax continued: "We desire the peoples who have been deprived of their independence to recover their liberties. "We desire to redeem the people of Europe from this constant fear of German aggression, and we desire to safeguard our own freedom and security.

**"It is quite true to say we do not seek aggrandisement and to redraw the map in our own interests, and still less are we moved by any spirit of vengeance.**

"On the contrary, if Germany is able to restore the confidence which she has destroyed, we aim at a settlement which will encourage her to take her rightful place in Europe, and we wish to create an international order in which all peoples will be secure under a reign of law in which they might determine their political and economic life free from the interference of more powerful neighbours.

"To this we would be willing to give our best in full co-operation with other nations, including Germany, to the work of reconstruction, politically and economically.

Only by that means do we believe the ordered international life of Europe can be preserved.

"That general framework will be found in the speeches of members of the Opposition just as much as in speeches by those who speak for the Government and in the views expressed in statements made on behalf of the Dominions.

### DALADIER DECLARATION

"It will be found in the declaration of M. Daladier and French leaders of all parties, and I do not believe it will meet with dissent in any Allied quarter.

"This declaration represented the essential principles of a satisfactory and lasting peace.

"I most devoutly hope the sacrifices of this war will lead to a truer appreciation of Christian values.

"As to the precise terms upon which this country would be willing to end the war to-day, His Majesty, the other day, in answering the peace proposals of the King of the Belgians and the Queen of the Netherlands, said that it was not his wish nor that of his Government for the war to continue a day longer than was necessary."

Proceeding, Lord Halifax said the answer to the question on what conditions this country would lay down arms was given by M. Daladier in the speech he made a few days ago.

He said France, and he might have added the United Kingdom, would lay down her arms when she could treat with a government whose signature could be trusted.

### RIGHTING OF WRONGS

She would treat when the wrong caused to weaker nations could be righted and lasting security established, and he went on to indicate that France must have confidence that this would endure.

Referring to the suggestion made in some quarters that an armistice should be proclaimed and a conference summoned, Lord Halifax said: "The success of any conference depends upon the conditions of its meeting.

"The conference method was followed in September, 1938.

"We were willing to follow it again immediately before this war if Germany would have abandoned her intention of invading Poland and would have withdrawn her troops.

"And why in fact did not the Munich Conference secure lasting peace in Europe?

"An agreement was reached. The most solemn assurances were given and only six months afterwards Herr Hitler changed his mind and, as he so often shows, he can always find excuses satisfactory to himself to justify action which completely contradicts assurances given earlier.

### RIGHT ABOUT TURN

"That kind of right about turn after solemn undertakings does show that no conference can be surely accounted a success unless that habit of disregarding assurances is abandoned.

"It is little use indulging in wishful thinking about conferences unless the primary lesson has been learned that force is a bad plan.

"There is evidence that the German Government not yet learned that primary lesson.

"Two prerequisites for conferences are, firstly, that the German Government was willing to accept terms corresponding to the purposes for which we took up arms and, secondly, that there should be a security that any settlement reached would be respected.

"On any other basis a conference, in my judgment, would achieve nothing and would be only likely, to enable the leaders of Germany to make their people believe that on the whole the old method of force had not worked too badly."

### INEXCUSABLE ACT

Lord Halifax added that the practice of aggression grew, and in the last few days they had witnessed an inexcusable act which had been condemned.

Open towns had been bombed, women and children mutilated and done to death on the pretext that a nation of under 4,000,000 had hostile designs against 180,000,000.

The British people had experienced two deep emotions.

They had been profoundly shocked by the circumstances of the Soviet attack and they had profoundly admired the magnificent resistance of the Finns.

At the meetings of the Council and the Assembly of the League, His Majesty's Government would make their position plain.

Commenting on this unhappy extension of the conflict, Lord Halifax said: "The Russian attack on Finland seems to me to be a direct consequence of the German policy.

"By an agreement which he thought would give him a free hand

## H.K.'S NEW PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY

Chungking, To-day.

Dr. R. Cecil Robertson, the League of Nations Epidemic Commissioner, has left Yunnan to take up an appointment as Professor of Pathology at Hong Kong University.

Dr. Robertson's departure ends distinguished British medical service rendered through the League's Epidemic Commission on the Yunnan-Burma border.

The Commission's work was chiefly directed to control an epidemic of malaria on the Yunnan-Burma Highway. A great deal of useful data concerning malariology has been accumulated, making possible and greatly facilitating the work of a group of American official health experts, headed by Mr. Williams, who are now in Kunming.

Dr. Robertson's work has been greatly appreciated by the Chinese Government. — Reuter.

## MYSTERY MOVE BY THE SOVIET

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

IT IS REPORTED THAT THE FIRST SECRETARY, NIKOLSKI IVANOFF, AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BERLIN HAVE SUDDENLY BEEN RECALLED TO MOSCOW.

Reason for the move has not been revealed.

Much comment has been caused in Berlin that the move should occur at the moment when Germany urgently desires that her relations with Russia appear outwardly cordial. — Reuter.

## IRON AND STEEL DUTY LIFTED

London, To-day.

In accordance with the settled practice whereunder duties imposed on imported iron and steel are used rather as support for national needs than as a trade obstacle, these products have now been placed on the Free List, and an Order will shortly be made merely requiring import licences in respect thereof.

As the world price of steel and iron is slightly above the British home price, the effect of these two regulations will enable effective control of imports and ensure that orders be made to the best advantage. — British Wireless.

to attack Poland it would seem that Hitler bartered what was not his property to barter, namely the liberties of the Baltic peoples, and the sequence of events has shown the damage once the floodgates are opened. — British Wireless.

## ITALIAN STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day. Further anti-Soviet and pro-Finnish demonstrations took place in Rome yesterday.

The police were compelled to disperse students who were marching towards the Soviet Legation shouting "Down with Russia." — Havas.

## WORLD'S OLDEST PARLIAMENT AND SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reijkjavik, To-day.

Iceland's National Assembly yesterday voted a motion branding the Icelandic Workers' Party — which has Communist tendencies — for its attitude towards the rights and freedom of small nations.

The motion says the attitude of the Party approving the rape of Finland brings shame on the Assembly.

The motion was passed unanimously except for the vote of the four representatives of the workers' Party.

It is recalled that the National Assembly, or Althing, which is the world's oldest Parliament, celebrated a few years ago its 1,000 years of existence. — Havas.

## SOVIET STIRS UP HOSTILITY

Buenos Aires, To-day.

The Argentine Government is taking the foremost part in the organisation of joint Latin-American action in protest against the Soviet invasion of Finland.

States members of the League are demanding the expulsion of Soviet Russia from the League.

Senor Cantillo, the Argentinian Foreign Minister, addressing the National Congress yesterday, declared that the action of Russia violated the elementary principles of justice and humanity.

A sense of the universal disgust aroused must be brought home to Moscow. — Reuter.

## VENEZUELA TO SHOW HER FEELING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Caracas, To-day.

Venezuela has informed the League of Nations that in spite of the Notice given of her intention to leave the League in 1940 she will attend the session this week-end which will deal with the Finnish appeal. — Havas.

## MAURITIUS GIFT TO RED CROSS

London, To-day.

The people of Mauritius have donated £2,000 to the Red Cross Fund and an aeroplane to the British Government. — Reuter.



# LAST BRITONS ORDERED TO LEAVE HELSINKI

## THREE A.M. CALL BY LEGATION TO EVACUATE

London, To-day.

"THE DEPARTURE of the last Britons from Helsinki was arranged in the early hours of yesterday," writes Reuter's special correspondent in Helsinki.

"I and the British-born manager of a local tobacco factory were the only Britons sleeping in the heart of the city.

"We were awakened at 3.30 a.m. by telephone and instructed to present ourselves immediately at the Legation for a trip to a secret hide-out with other Britishers who spent the night on the outskirts of the city.

"The spirit and pluck of the young Finns to whom I talked before our departure was amazing.

"Our men are just playing with the Russians, who are losing tanks by the dozen," declared one."

While Helsinki and other towns enjoyed their third day of uneasy respite, Finnish troops in the extreme north were feverishly digging themselves in amid the charred and smoking ruins of Petsamo and Salmijaervi.

### NO BOMBING

Although no Soviet bombers appeared over Helsinki yesterday, everyone listened and watched for the first sign of the mass air raid which is expected.

Now considerable fears are expressed for to-day, which is the twenty-first anniversary of Finland's independence.

Many Finns fear Moscow spared them yesterday in order that the threatened destruction should coincide with this anniversary, but conditions to-day are likely to be unfavourable for any air activity.

### HEAVY FIGHTING

In the neighbourhood of Petsamo and Salmijaervi the Finns are preparing to offer energetic resistance to the Soviet attack, which is expected in the near future.

Fighting in the district has already been heavy, and it is admitted that the Russians have gained a certain advance.

The Russians are pouring in troops by sea and rail, but hitherto the reinforcements have not been strong enough to make a really successful frontal attack on the main Finnish positions.

Meanwhile, streams of fugitives continue to cross the Norwegian frontier, but not a single Finnish soldier has passed into Norway.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day. According to the latest Soviet bulletin the Red Army has advanced between 25 and 29 miles into the Karelian Isthmus.

It is suggested by this that the Soviet troops are only just within striking distance of the Mannerheim Line, Finland's main defence system, after five days of fighting.—Reuter.

### SOVIET LANDINGS

Oslo, To-day.

Soviet warships have been observed landing troops on both sides of the Petsamo Fjord, according to reports received here.

The Finns made no attempt to stop the landing.

They are awaiting the Russians at Petsamo, which is stated to be strongly fortified.—Reuter.

## SOVIET RELIEF TROOPS INTERCEPTED

Rome, To-day.

Finnish aircraft yesterday attacked and dispersed Soviet troops which were marching towards Petsamo according to a despatch from Helsinki, which also states that Finnish anti-aircraft defences have inflicted heavy losses among Soviet aircraft attempting to bomb the hydro-electric plants at Imatra.

The report adds that 40,000 Finnish troops are holding 80,000 Russians on the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

## ALLEGED BRITISH DECISION CRITICISED

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese circles criticise the alleged British decision not to seize German arms exports to Japan.

In a strongly worded article the influential "Ta Kung Pao" declares. "We cannot understand the alleged British decision not to seize German arms exports to Japan.

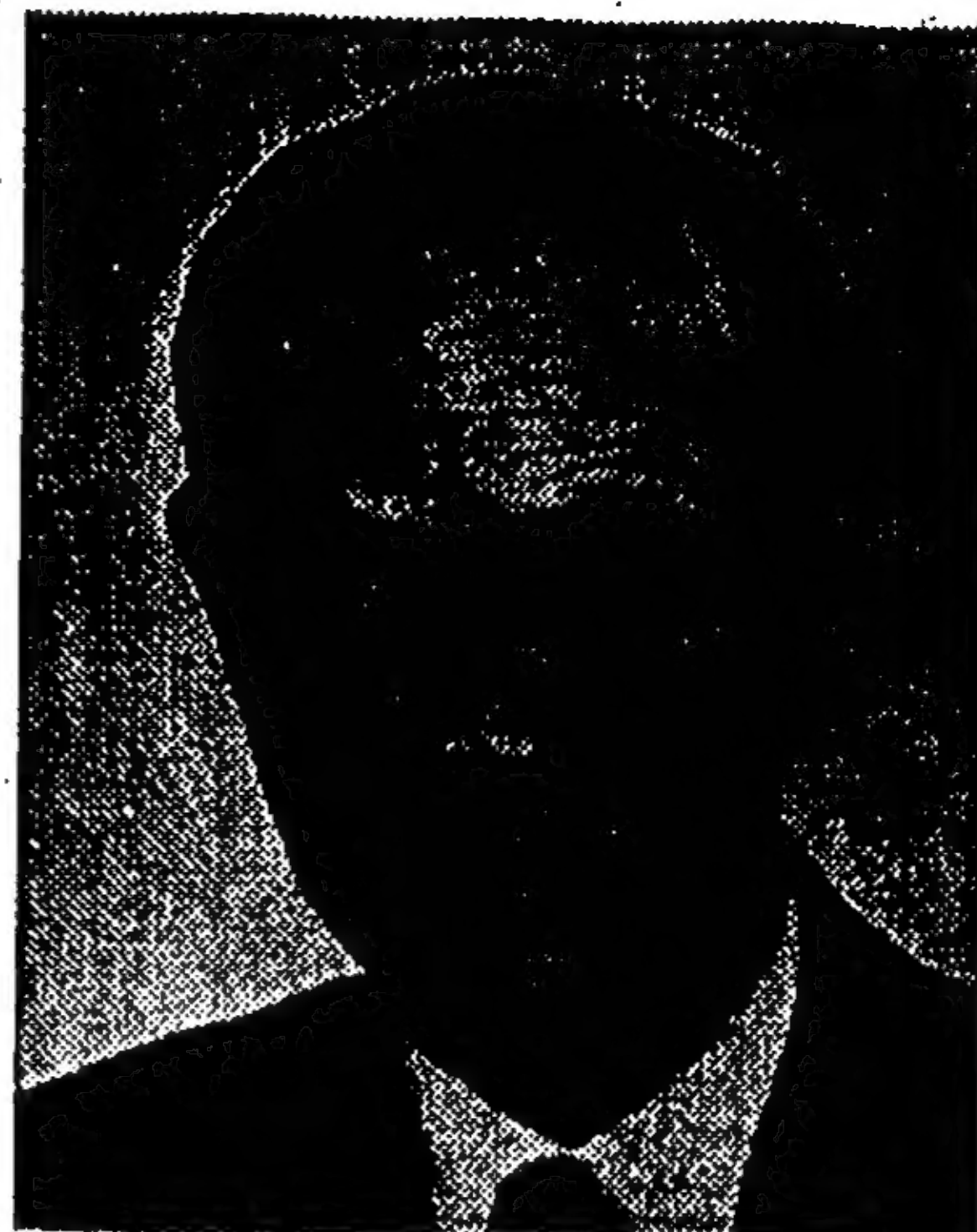
"We are all neutrals in the European war, and why therefore grant special privileges to Japan? That is an injustice.

"That arms exports especially are mentioned is particularly strange.

### PROFOUND REGRETS

"The reason why Japan is importing arms from Germany is to wage the war of aggression in China, and Britain is alleged to have particularly excluded such German exports to Japan from seizure.

"We have no other explanation except that Britain is deliberately making matters difficult for China, and we must express our profound regrets."—Reuter.



Mr. R. Sandler, the Foreign Minister of Sweden, who is the latest butt of the Soviet Press.

## FINLAND'S APPEAL TO LEAGUE

London, To-day.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday regarding Finland's appeal to the League, the Prime Minister said the action of the Finnish Government was taken on their own initiative.

The League Council had been summoned for Saturday, and the Assembly was expected to meet on Monday.

Great Britain would be represented by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who will make a statement on behalf of the British Government.—Reuter.

## RUSSIANS USING DUM-DUMS

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish authorities have evidence proving that the Russians are using dum-dum bullets. (A dum-dum bullet is one with the nose sawed off, which has the effect of spreading the charge to a terrible extent when it enters the body).

The Finns also say they have evidence that the Reds are shooting their own men from behind.

In fierce fighting at Salmi many prisoners were taken.

In one engagement eight out of ten Red tanks were destroyed.

Prisoners taken by the Finns are said to have been told it would take five or six days to conquer Finland, and that Finland was the aggressor!

### FINNISH LOSSES

Finnish losses in the last few days are stated to have been very small.

The Finnish naval authorities state that the Russians have taken the island of Tutasaari, and the Finns have moved to the mainland.

There was no air fighting yesterday owing to the weather, but Finnish planes made reconnaissance flights and bombed enemy troops.—Reuter.

## GERMANS IN AFRICA FORM ANTI-NAZI ORGANISATION

Johannesburg, To-day.

Germans have formed an anti-Nazi organisation in Johannesburg, with branches in other towns.—Reuter.

## RED ARMY GETTING SEVERE MAULING

Helsinki, To-day.

A FINNISH WAR communique issued last night says that in three days' fighting in Karelia the Finns captured 64 Red tanks.

In one battle, 2,000 Russians were killed. Fierce fighting is continuing north of Lake Ladoga.

The Finns admit that the Russians have taken one Finnish island and bombarded another.

There has been an engagement on Lake Ladoga between light Russian naval forces and Finnish shore batteries.

A communique issued in Moscow gives no details of the fighting but simply denies all Finnish claims.—Reuter.

### NICKEL-MINES CITY BOMBED

London, To-day.

Three Soviet aeroplanes bombed the nickel-mines' city near Petsamo yesterday.

According to reports, the city has been burned to the ground.

The Russians have landed additional troops from a cruiser and two destroyers.—Reuter.

### FINNISH AIR FORCE COUP AT MURMANSK

Helsinki, To-day.

Finnish planes carried out a surprise air raid yesterday on the Soviet base at Murmansk, where they re-

port having destroyed 60 Soviet planes by means of small incendiary bombs. Finnish troops are reported to have annihilated two whole Russian tank regiments, of 40 tanks each. The tanks were destroyed by anti-tank artillery.—Reuter.

### SALMIJAERVI BOMBED

Oslo, To-day.

Three Russian warplanes are reported to have bombed Salmijaervi. A number of explosions were heard on the Norwegian frontier.—Reuter.

### FINNISH MINISTER HELD

London, To-day.

The Finnish Minister in Moscow is being held in the Legation and is unable to leave the country, according to a Finnish source in London.

In the Salmi region the Finns claim to have made a considerable advance, inflicting "very heavy losses."

They also claim an advance in the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.





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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### DEMOCRACY IN CHINA

But the most truthful signs of China's political changes to-day do not point either to communism or to fascism. They point instead to democracy. For more than two years, under the pressing circumstances of war, China has already learned to operate a working democracy. After the hostilities end, this democratic system will undoubtedly be retained and improved upon so that the present all-party co-operation can be made the basis of national unity.—"China Press," Shanghai.

### THE POWER OF THE EMPIRE

For a speedy and decisive issue to the war this concentration of power is of the first importance. The vast resources of the British Empire will be organised in the common cause. Economic co-operation will be one of the most important objectives of the War Conference. All the Colonies are doing their utmost to help us with raw materials and foodstuffs. The prevailing spirit throughout the lands which owe allegiance to the King is that expressed by Mr. Fraser, the Acting Prime Minister of New Zealand, when he promised every man and every inch of the productive capacity of his country to the service of the Allies.—London "Daily Telegraph."

### NAGGING AT WHITEHALL

Though no one suggests that the Government is, or should be, above criticism, we cannot believe that the cause the whole nation has at heart is best served by nagging attacks on Ministers and the Civil Service. For a time the Ministry of Information was the favourite target. Was there no big advance on the Western front? The Ministry of Information was responsible. Had no enemy battleship been sunk? Blame the Ministry of Information again. The Ministry concerned having demonstrated the obvious, that its function was to pass on news supplied by the Service departments, and not to originate it, the critics turned to other victims. The troops in France were not getting their letters as quickly as

people in South Kensington. Plainly somebody had blundered. Was business being lost because of the censorship on telephone calls and cables to foreign countries? Then this, we gathered, should instantly be abolished, the greatest care being taken at the same time to ensure that enemy agents should not smuggle out vital information under cover of a business cable or conversation. For it is always a characteristic of this type of critic that he wants the best of all worlds—the iron efficiency of a dictatorship combined with the democrat's right to decide everything for himself.—London "Daily Telegraph."

### BELGIAN DEMOCRACY

Belgium cannot remain passive when the real independence of small States is at stake. She must have her say and exercise her influence.

The problem of peace—our peace—is not separate from that of democracy. The attempt to disassociate the defence of the right of peoples from that of men is in vain. To-day we clearly see that insurance of freedom within states is the best means of assuring the freedom of the states themselves.—"Le Soir," Brussels.

### THE FOOD POSITION

It is obvious that the German citizen has some doubts (suggested probably, by an unsatisfied physical craving within) about the conquest of the seas. So the German broad-casts endeavours to create a more cheerful mood by stories of food shortage in Britain. It is true that bacon and butter are not plentiful here; but all the other allegations may be put in the same category with a statement broadcast a week or so ago that the harassed British Government had had to remove to "a town in the North of England called Buxton, which is now in flames." The best answer to all this "enlightenment" in Germany is the statement made in the House of Commons by Mr. Morrison, the Minister of Food. He said that there were adequate supplies of food with the exception of butter and bacon. The Government proposed to ration these two foods in the latter part of December. Meat, margarine, and all other foods will remain unrationed. The only criticism heard in the Commons was that it would be fairer to ration butter and bacon without delay, as at present distribution was unequal.—"Manchester Guardian."

### NOTHING DOING

There are so many more convincing reasons for not holding secret sessions of either House of Parliament that it seems a pity Lord Stanhope thought of dragging in the renowned and Nazi Joseph as one of them. "Dr. Goebbels," he told the House of Lords, "the moment a secret session was held would say at once that in this House and in the Commons there was a very strong move for an immediate peace on Germany's terms, and things of that kind. How are we going to deny that?" Surely the answer is that we do not bother, and have not bothered for many a long day, to deny anything that emerges from Truthful Joe's forceful imagination. What Joe says, like what Sam Weller's soldier said (and, by the way, Joe was lately reported to have been raised to the rank and style of major general), is just not evidence. Indeed, it might very well operate the other way. If

Joe said that the House of Commons was sighing for peace, neutral opinion would probably conclude that it was about to approve some enormous master-stroke of belligerency; if Joe said that the Commons were warlike, people would begin to assume peace moves in the background. It is a pity about Joe; he has his points as a public performer and contributor to the gaiety of nations, but as a source of information he has got himself into a thoroughly bad jam. What he says simply does not go. But that is no reason why we should pay any attention at all to his views on the subject of secret sessions.—"Manchester Guardian."

### SPAIN'S NEUTRALITY

The international conflict's new aspect resulting from Russian intervention in Poland can only serve to reaffirm and reinforce Spain's neutrality. Franco ordered Spain to observe the strictest neutrality at the outbreak of war in Eastern Europe. He declared we must stay out of the conflict because it was for Spain's highest interest to do so. In prescribing neutrality, Franco has correctly interpreted the criterion of the Spanish people and also acted in the best interest of the Spanish State of which he is in charge.—"El Alcazar," Madrid.



# NATIONAL ECONOMY

## Important Amendment To Address By Mr. Greenwood

### ORGANISATION OF ALL RESOURCES FOR WAR AND PEACE URGED BY LABOUR

London, To-day.  
MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, Deputy Leader of the Labour Opposition, moved an amendment to the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, in the House of Commons yesterday.

The amendment regretted the absence of proposals for organising to the full our human and material resources for the effective prosecution of the war, the provision and maintenance of an adequate standard of life for all, and for a solution on a basis of social justice, of the problems which will arise on the return of peace.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Lord Privy Seal, in reply, reviewed Britain's industrial efforts after three months of war.

He said the value of contracts placed for munitions and equipment since the beginning of the war was £195,000,000, and, in a single week, November 21 to 28, was £12,000,000.

The number of ordnance factories in production numbered 13, while 16 others were at various stages of completion. Twenty-three private factories, known as agency factories, had been built or were building.

In regard to tanks and transport, forecasts of the production rate for wheeled vehicles for January, 1940, were 10 times that for January, 1939.

#### DOUBLING AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

Since the beginning of the war the Government had undertaken a programme which would result in doubling the amount of aircraft production.

We were greatly expanding in the gigantic war effort our previous programme, and were building 1,000,000 tons of new merchant shipping.

Referring to unemployment, Sir Samuel Hoare expressed the opinion that in the early months of 1940 the job would be looking for the man and not the man for the job.—Reuter.

### FIRE DEATH-ROLL STILL RISING

THE DEATHROLL IN THE SHANGHAI STREET FIRE LAST SUNDAY NIGHT HAS INCREASED TO 56, INCLUDING DEATHS IN HOSPITAL. THE MAJORITY WERE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Yesterday firemen and sanitary coolies removing the debris at No. 480, found 11 charred bodies burnt beyond recognition.

The age and sex of the corpses could also not be ascertained.

### U.S. MYSTERY PLANE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PHILADELPHIA, TO-DAY.  
A MYSTERY PLANE, EQUIPPED WITH A MOTOR FITTED WITH LIQUID COOLING SYSTEM AND A LARGE NUMBER OF CYLINDERS, IS BEING CONSTRUCTED AT AN UNNAMED PLANE FACTORY.

The plane will be able to rise almost vertically and be capable of reaching a speed of 643 kilometres.

Some details were revealed at a meeting of the Association of American Aviation Engineers.—Havas.

### ROYAL NAVY LOSSES IN THIS WAR AND IN THE LAST

London, To-day.  
FROM AUGUST 4 TO November 4, 1914, the Royal Navy lost 22 ships, totalling 125,656 tons.

This figure included five cruisers and one aircraft-carrier (torpedoed), one battleship, one cruiser and eight other ships (mined), and three cruisers sunk in action with enemy surface ships.

From September 3 to December 3, 1939, Royal Naval losses amounted to nine vessels, totalling 73,886 tons.

They included two over-age warships, the aircraft-carrier Courageous and the battleship Royal Oak, both of whom were torpedoed, and four other ships lost by mines.

Thus the losses at the beginning of this war were little more than half the tonnage and less than half the number of ships as in the same period in the last war.

The margin of superiority of the Allied fleets is immeasurably greater to-day than in 1914.—Reuter.

### NIGHT LIFE RETURNING TO LONDON

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
MORE NORMAL NIGHT LIFE IS BEING RESUMED IN LONDON, AND RESTAURANTS AND CLUBS ARE AGAIN CROWDED DESPITE THE INCONVENIENCES OF BLACK-OUT TRAVELLING.

The reopening for evening entertainment during the usual hours of theatres and cinemas has resulted in many new productions, and revivals are being staged.

There were three new productions in the suburbs last night and three are due for presentation in the West End to-night and three more before the end of the week.

Several others will be put on before Xmas, by when nearly all West End theatres will have reopened despite the inconvenience of travelling in the black-out.—British Wireless.

Inspector W. R. Chesterwoods, principal of the Police Training School and two Indian Constables, were instrumental in putting out a fire which broke out on the verandah of the first floor of No. 141, Prince Edward Road, at 7.50 p.m. yesterday.

### NAVAL DOCK FOR HAWAII

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

The Navy Department is shortly transferring to Pearl Harbour, the naval base in Hawaii, the huge floating dock at present stationed in New Orleans.

The dock is 160 metres long and 30 metres wide and capable of accommodating vessels of 35,000 tons.—Havas.

### HIGHER CHINESE POSTAGE COMING

The Chungking correspondent of the local "Ta Kung Pao" reports that internal postal rates will be increased next year. New stamps are already being printed.

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### SUBMARINE AT SEA AGAIN

London, To-day.  
The British submarine which entered a Norwegian port left yesterday after its disabled rudder had been repaired.—Reuter.

### ROOSEVELT GESTURE TO FINLAND

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY, TO PLACE THE FINNISH DEBT PAYMENT DUE ON DECEMBER 15 INTO THE SUSPENSION ACCOUNT.

Announcing this at his press conference yesterday, the President added that when Congress reassembled he would suggest the money be returned to Finland for the benefit of the Finnish people.

It might be possible, he added, to make available to Finland some of her back payments to the United States.—Reuter.

### ONE-DAY SESSION SECRET

London, To-day.

Though the date has not been decided, the secret session of Parliament demanded by the Labour Party will not last more than a day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, yesterday granted the Labour request for a secret session to discuss the question of supply.—Reuter.



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## IMPORTANT FEATURE OF EVICTION BILL REVISION DROPPED BY GOVERNMENT

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED that when the bill to consolidate and amend the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance, which is set down for second reading in Legislative Council to-morrow, is before the Council, the Government intends, at the Committee stage, to move the deletion of the clauses which contain provisions withdrawing the protection of the Ordinance from certain classes of mortgaged premises.

These clauses were originally inserted on the representation of banking interests in the Colony, who complained that money loaned on mortgage had been "frozen" by the operation of the Ordinance.

The clauses would have authorised them to re-enter and sell property.

It is understood that Government's decision to withdraw the clauses is connected with the steady increase in the cost of living, Government being of opinion that withdrawal of protection from substantial amounts of property might injure the classes which the Ordinance was passed to protect.

The matter will probably come up for consideration again in six months' time when the main Ordinance automatically expires and can continue only if re-enacted.

## FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

Charged with attempting to obtain \$2 by false pretences from the assistant manager of the Vicent Atieza Co., Mr. Liu Ka-ting, on Tuesday, Chan Wing-kwan, 21, unemployed, was this morning sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth.

It was stated that Chan asked Mr. Liu on Tuesday for \$2 for an insertion in the Hong Kong Directory Company (not the Hong Kong Dollar Directory). Chan produced a receipt for the collection, but Mr. Liu, knowing they had paid the insertion fee in April, telephoned to the police.

Chan then started to run but was caught after a short chase.

From the book in Chan's possession, it was revealed that another man was working with him and that they have made several attempts to collect money from various shops in Nathan Road the same morning.

## U.S. WILLING TO PARTICIPATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day. The United States Government will willingly participate in a Pan-American motion branding the Soviet aggression against Finland, stated Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, to the press yesterday.

Mr. Welles added that several American Republics had contacted Washington suggesting such a move. — Havas.

## HUNGARY SHOWS HER SYMPATHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

An ardent demonstration of sympathy for Finland took place in the Lower Chamber of the Hungarian Parliament yesterday when the Premier, Count Teleki, made a declaration on the situation.

Count Teleki stated: "Hungary is following with the greatest concern the war between Russia and the valorous Finnish nation, with whom we are linked by relations of kin."

"The fate of the sister Finnish nation fills us with sorrow and anguish." All the Deputies rose and cheered Finland. — Havas.

## CARRIED DAGGERS AS A HABIT

Two Malayan seamen, Saing, 22, and Badoran, 21, from the m.v. Ruys, were each fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning when charged with possession of two daggers without a licence from the Commissioner of Police.

They pleaded guilty, stating they were ignorant of the Colony's Laws as they were allowed to carry daggers in the Strait Settlements.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston, prosecuting, said that Badoran had argument with a woman in Reclamation Street and at her request both men went to Yaumati Police Station.

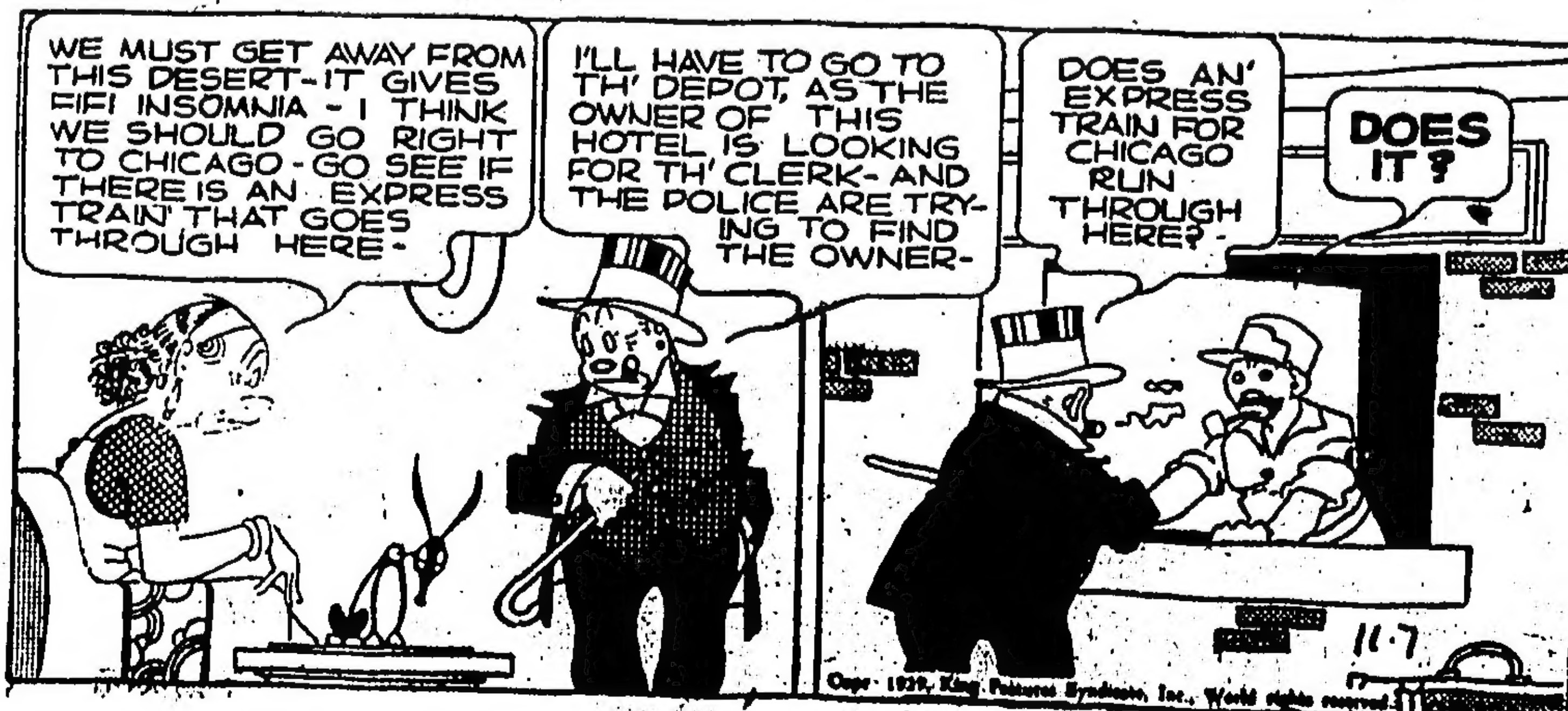
At the station, the woman told the police that Badoran had a dagger, and a search of the men showed that both were thus armed.

## TRIBUTES TO LATE PRINCESS LOUISE

London, To-day.

Tributes were paid to the memory of the late Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, in both Houses yesterday, when resolutions were passed expressing deep sympathy with Their Majesties in the loss they had sustained. — Reuter.

### Bringing Up Father



By George McManus





## COSTS OF WAR TO COLONY BEGIN TO SHOW

Special war expenditure totalling \$100,000 will be submitted to Legislative Council, Finance Committee, to-morrow.

The allocations to the end of the year are as follows:

Postal and Cable, Censorship	\$25,000
Internment of Aliens	55,000
Department of Information	6,500
Miscellaneous items	7,500

Other items of increase due to the war are voted under other headings. The cost of printing the "Government Gazette" for instance has increased by \$5,000 because of the many Supplementaries, the printing of Ordinances and Regulations has increased by \$2,500, and there are various new charges for the H.K.V.D.C.

### TREASURY MOVE

It is also revealed that as a consequence of the re-allotment of the accommodation at the G.P.O. building to meet the needs of the Censorship Department, the Assessor's Department of the Treasury has moved into Marina House, where offices have been rented costing \$1,500 monthly.

Uniforms for the H.K.N.V.F. have involved unexpected additional expenditure of \$9,200.

The total of votes to be submitted to the Finance Committee to-morrow is \$353,832, of which approximately two-thirds is due directly or indirectly to the international situation.

### H.K.N.V.F. PAY

A sum of \$40,000 in addition to \$120,000 already voted is estimated in a vote to be submitted to the Finance Committee, Legislative Council, to-morrow to be sufficient to cover pay and allowances of members of the H.K.N.V.F. who have been mobilised.

It is revealed that 52 additional members have been mobilised since the previous vote and that a further 18 are to be mobilised in the near future.

### SECRETARIAL HONORARIUM

An honorarium of \$1,600 per annum is to be paid to the Honorary Secretary of the St. John Ambulance Brigade as from April 2, 1939, owing to the extra burden of work occasioned by the expansion of the Brigade for staffing first aid posts. Government is to make a grant in re-imbursement.

## WOMEN ON NIGHT WORK

The manager of the Hong Kong Rubber Manufactory, Matauchung Road, Kowloon City, was this morning summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon for employing 54 women at 9.45 p.m. on November 20.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson pleaded guilty on behalf of the Factory, and said the Factory was doing rush work to catch a ship.

Only 54 of the 800 women workers engaged by the Factory were at work. A fine of \$75 was imposed.

### CANADIAN NAVY'S PART IN WAR

Ottawa, To-day. The Canadian Navy is ready for any call that might be made on it, and the normal six destroyers and five minesweepers have been increased by 50 craft of all kinds.

The pre-war personnel of 1,700 has been more than doubled.—Reuter.

### MR. KENNEDY FLYING HOME

London, To-day. The United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, who is on his way home on leave, left Lisbon yesterday by Clipper flyingboat.—Reuter.

## ALL-CHINA PHOTO EXHIBITION

The first all-China exhibition of pictorial photography opened at 10 o'clock this morning in the Peacock Room, Cafe Wiseman, Exchange Building, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Photographic Society. It will remain open to-day and until Saturday up to 6 o'clock in the evening.

The press were given a special preview yesterday evening, when they were met by Mr. W. C. Clark, president of the society, and Mr. H. McKay, the secretary.

Practically all the photographs on display are of a very high standard, both pictorially speaking and from the technical point of view. One or two exhibits are of an experimental type, but generally speaking the exhibitors have adhered very closely to the main purpose of the exhibition—pictorial photography.

There are, therefore, few photographs which take the breath away from the point of view of startling viewpoint or technique. Indeed, the key-note of the exhibition might be a quiet sense of satisfaction at a good job of straight pictorial representation.

The exhibitors are both Chinese and Occidentals, mainly residents of Shanghai and Hong Kong, who meet on the common ground of their love for the ubiquitous lens and film. Those with pet theories on the subject might try to distinguish the work of the Chinese photographers from that of their Occidental cousins, and vice versa. Members of the press who tried it last night found that it is possible to be positive in only a few cases—and then one is generally wrong!

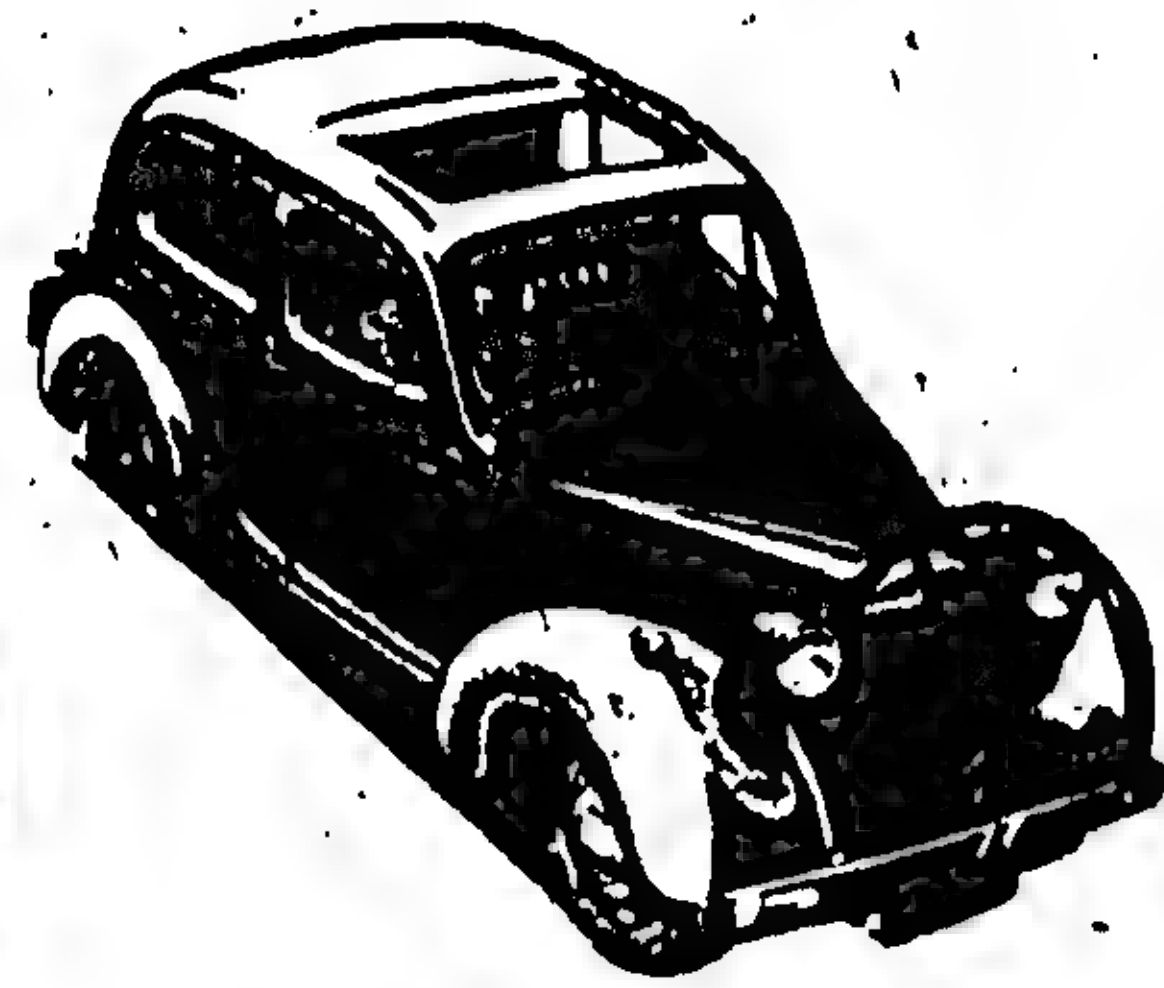
Some of the photographs on display—those marked with a gold asterisk—are being sent to salons abroad as a representative collection of photography from China and of subjects peculiar to this part of the world.

It is true that not a few of the un-asterisked photographs displayed are equally worthy of inclusion from the technical and emotional points of view—but the judges wisely decided to make it a necessary pre-condition that only those photographs should be in the representative collection which, through choice of subject or other features, could obviously have been taken nowhere else in the world but in China.

Apart from this special feature of the exhibition, lovers of fine photography, of landscapes and trees, of country scenes and the sparkling of sunshine on the water, will find much to interest and captivate them in this exhibition; copies of most of the photographs displayed, even where no price is given in the catalogue, can be secured through the Photographic Society of Hong Kong, the "China Mail" was informed.

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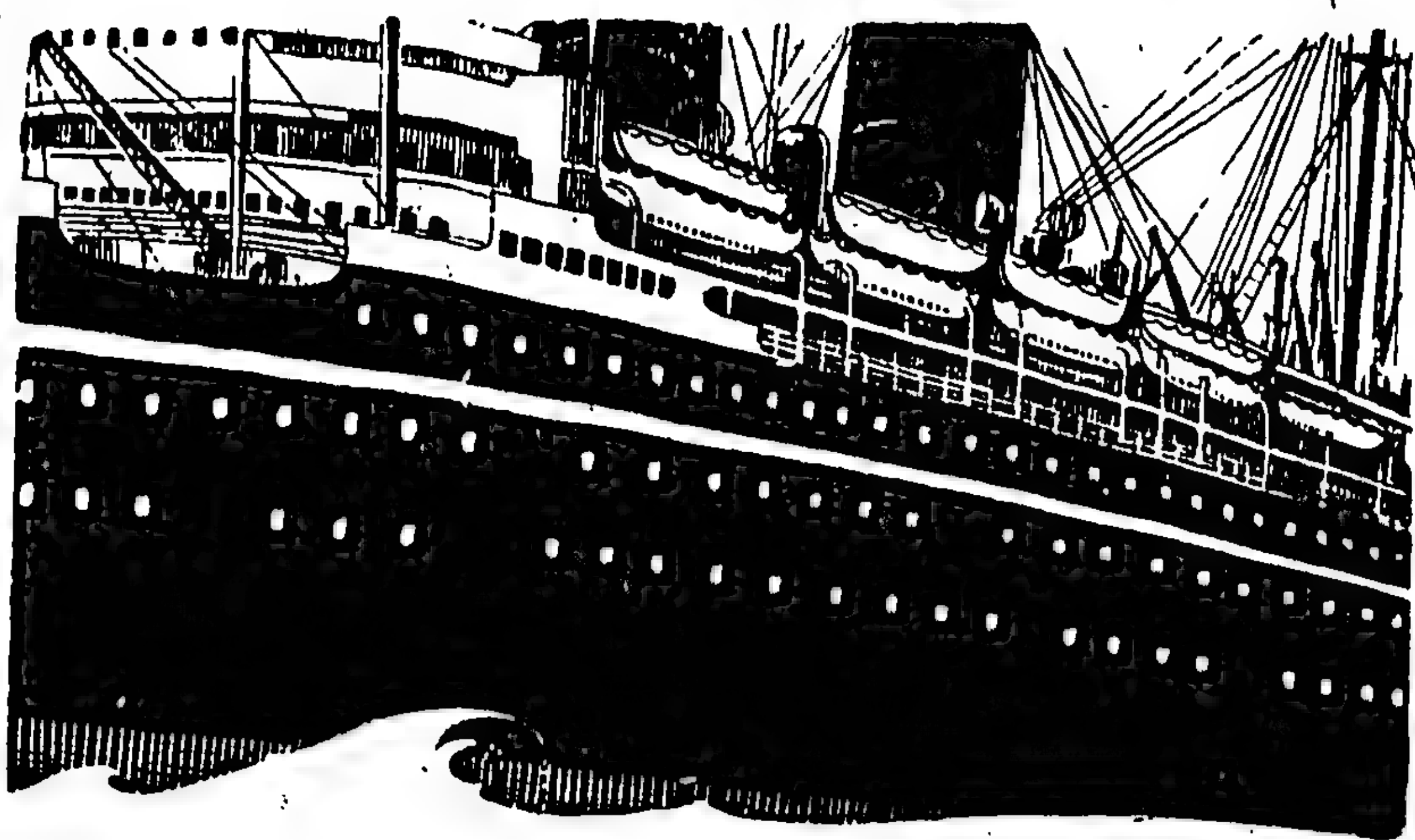


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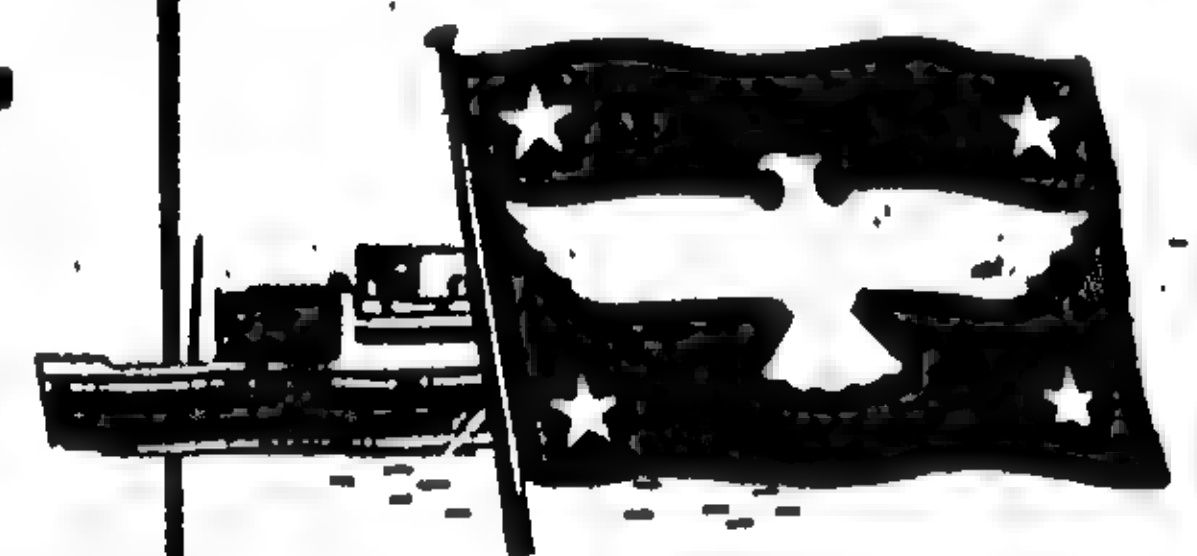
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Straits	Reg., ... Wed., Dec. 6, 5.00 p.m. Ord., ... Wed., Dec. 6, 7.00 p.m.	
Saigon	Dec. 6, 7.00 p.m.	
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Sandakan		Dec. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Japan		Dec. 7, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 13th December.	Reg., ... Dec. 6, 5.00 p.m. Ord., ... Dec. 6, 5.30 p.m.	K.P.O. G.P.O.
Fort Bayard	Reg., ... Dec. 6, 5.00 p.m. Ord., ... Dec. 7, 7.30 a.m.	
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa	Dec. 7, 1.30 p.m.	
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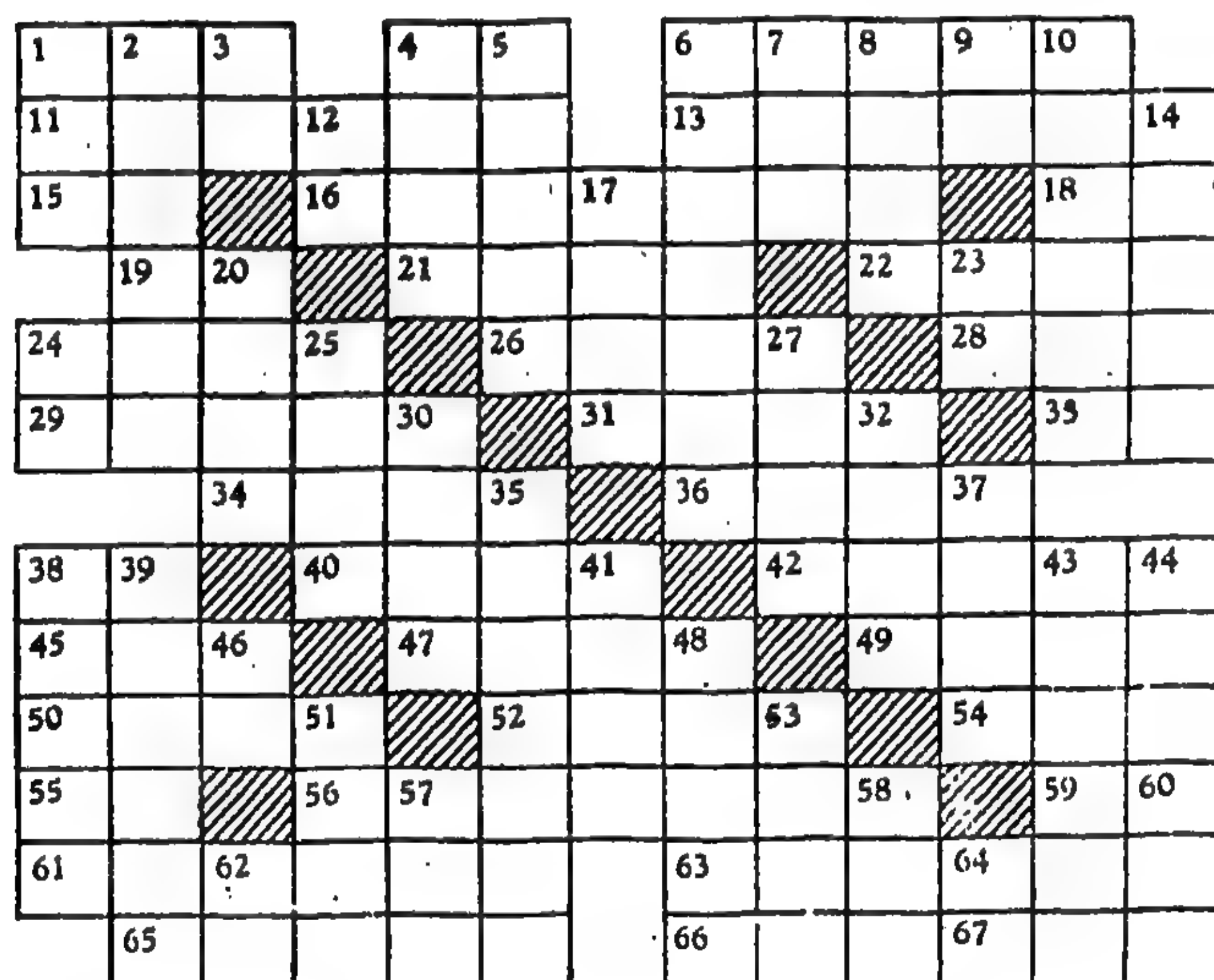
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- 15 Perform
- 16 To pacify
- 18 Pronoun
- 19 Note of scale
- 21 Hebrew measure
- 22 Dilatory
- 24 Chinese society
- 28 Glide easily
- 29 Land measure
- 29 Interior
- 31 Sea gull
- 33 Man's nickname
- 34 To sow
- 36 Seditious outbreak
- 38 While
- 40 To mix
- 42 Large mammal
- 45 Negative
- 47 Thick slice
- 49 Tool boxes
- 50 Trampled on
- 52 Oriental nurse
- 54 French article
- 55 Latin for "and"

#### VERTICAL

- 56 Scorpio's brightest star
- 59 Near
- 61 Grade in a series
- 63 Gold-coloured alloy
- 65 Showers affection on
- 66 Japanese drama
- 67 Brood of pheasants

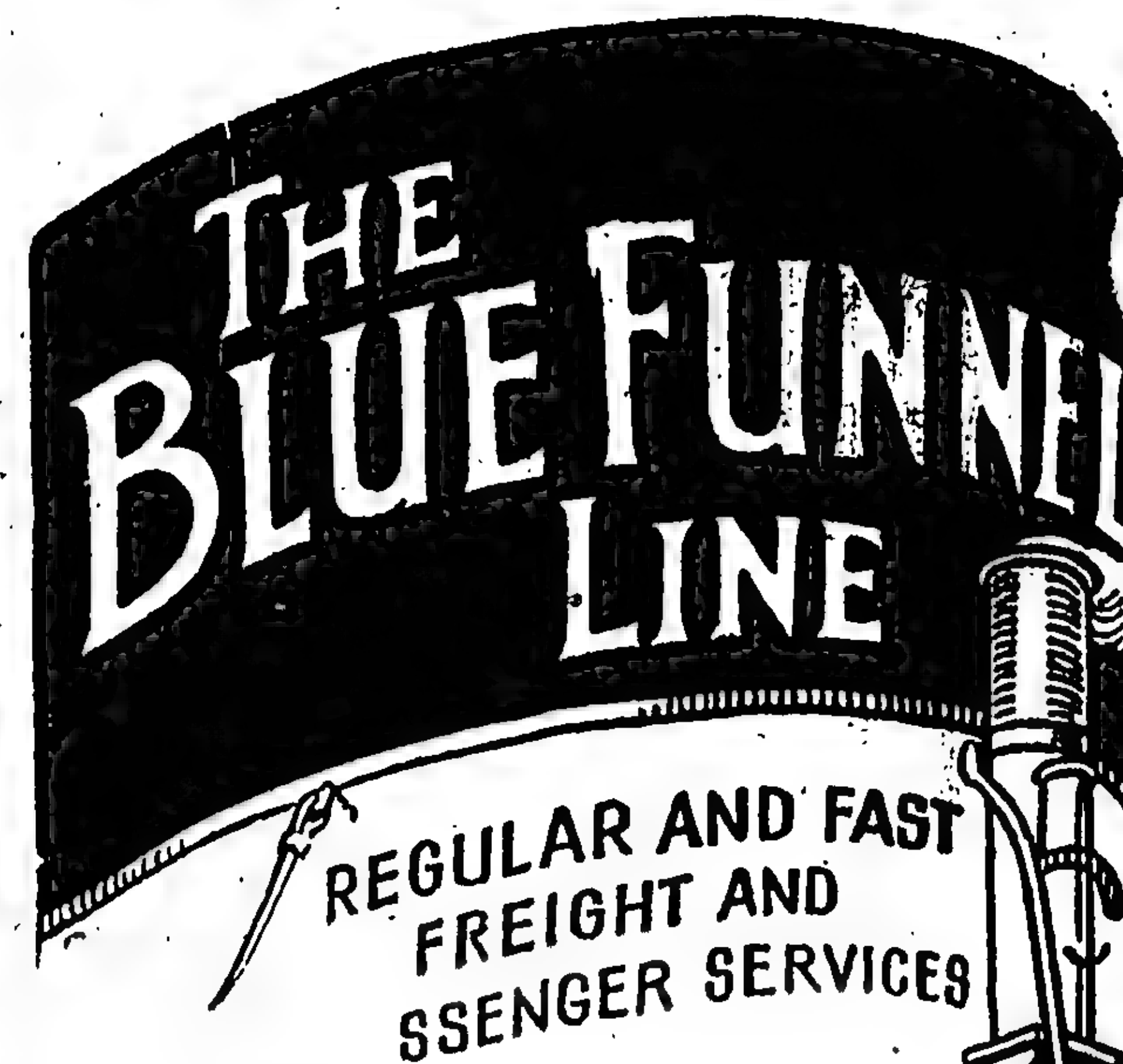
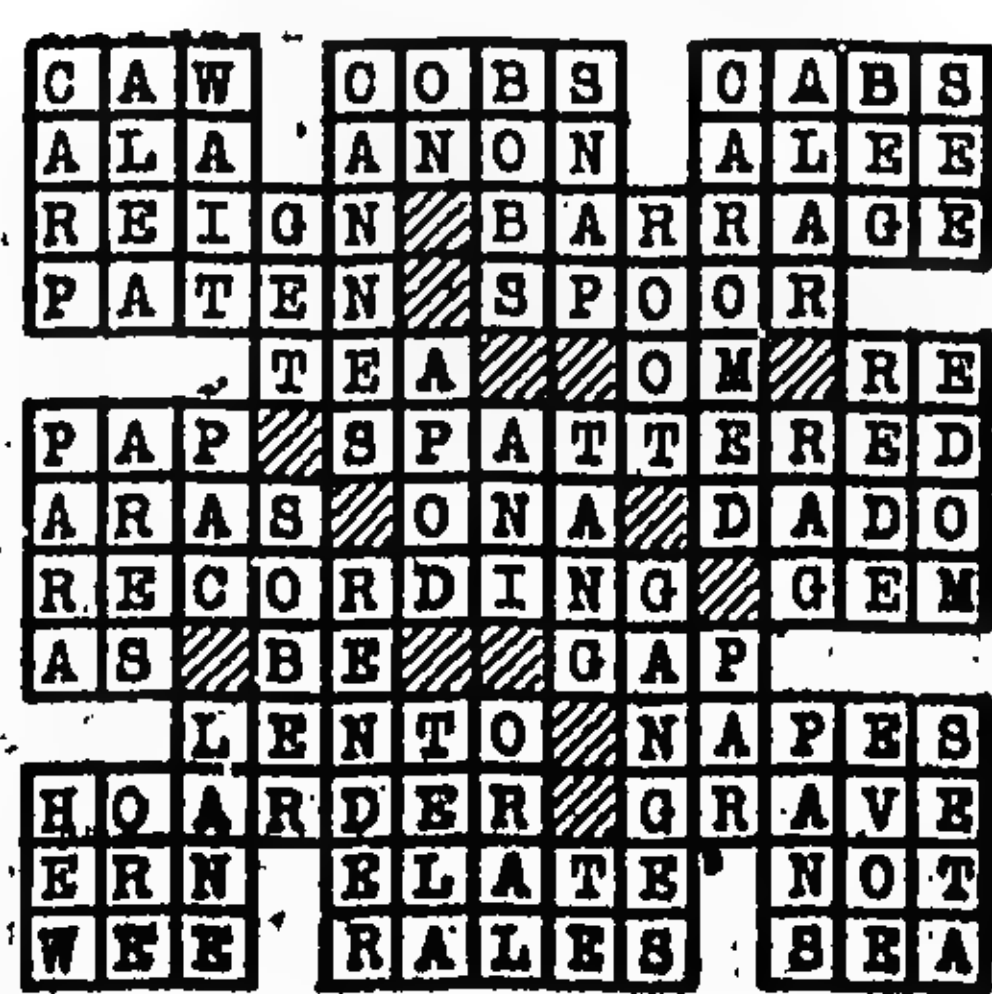
#### VERTICAL

- 1 Assistance
- 2 Arm of sundial
- 3 Preposition
- 4 Capital of Norway
- 5 Paper measure (pl.)
- 6 More economical
- 7 Latvian coin
- 8 God of war

#### VERTICAL

- 9 Cyprinoid fish
- 10 Parasitic fish
- 12 High
- 14 Stairway post
- 17 Old Irishman
- 20 Hostelry
- 23 Note of scale
- 24 Symbol for titanium
- 25 Harmonizes (coll.)
- 27 Staid
- 30 Soaks
- 32 Secluded retreat
- 35 Swells
- 37 To labour
- 38 Put up stake
- 39 Separated
- 41 Incarnation of Vishnu
- 43 Resolute
- 44 Plural ending
- 46 Toward
- 48 Nobleman
- 51 Scurry
- 53 Leander's sweetheart
- 57 Born
- 58 Therefore
- 60 Golf mound
- 62 Proceed
- 64 Preposition

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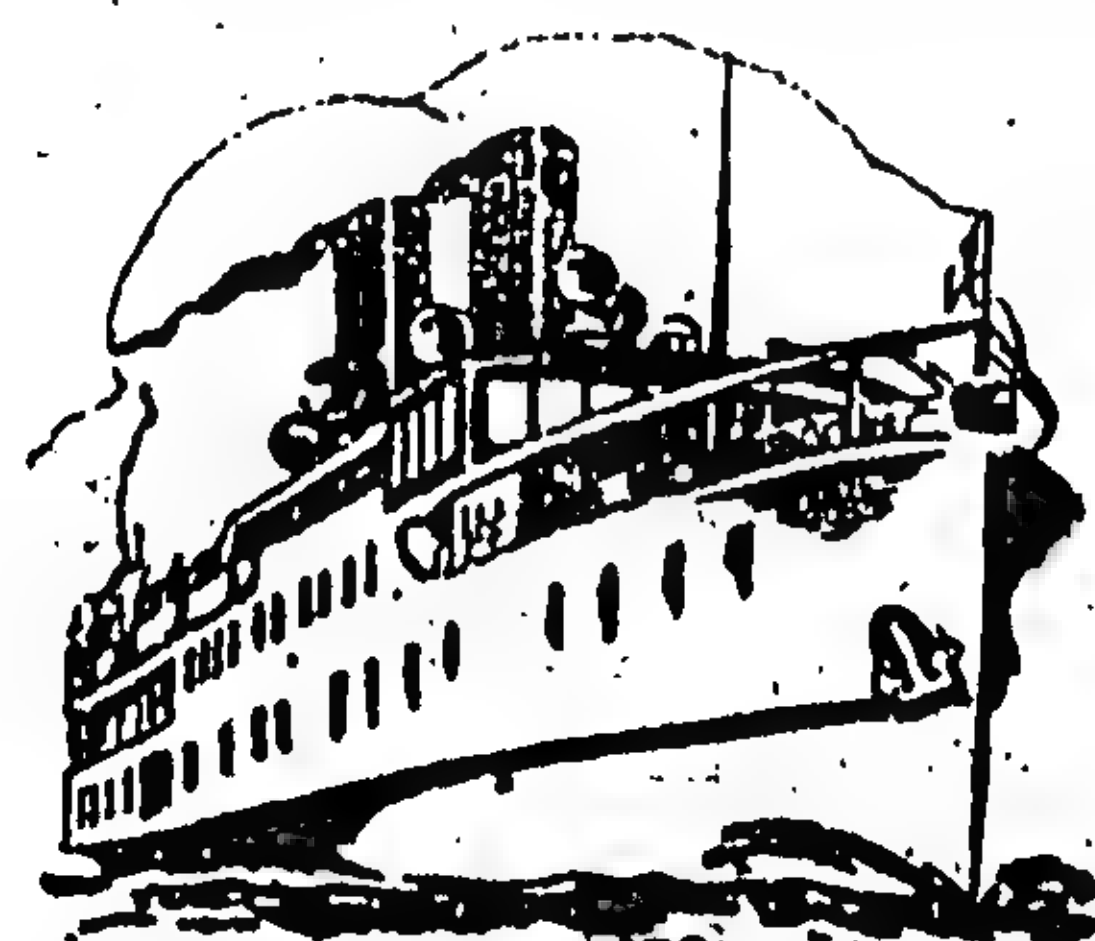
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## NAVICERT SYSTEM EXTENDED

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare is now extending the operation of the "navicert" system, which has been available since December 1 for exports from the United States to certain European neutral countries.

Henceforth, navicerts will also be issued in respect of shipments from Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay to Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Belgium and Italy.

Shippers in Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay who desire to avail themselves of the advantages of navicerts should furnish His Majesty's representatives with details of goods they propose to export, their nature and quantity, country of destination, name and address of consignee and, as soon as possible, the name of the vessel in which goods are to be shipped and the date of shipment.

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## U.S. AND TWO-WAY BLOCKADE

Washington, To-day.

A decision can be expected this week as to whether the United States will protest to Britain and France regarding the Allied seizure of German exports, said an official of the State Department yesterday.

The official added that the question had been studied for some time by officials of the State Department following the protests of other neutrals. — Reuter.

## NO PROTEST YET MADE

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday if the Government had yet sent any protests to Berlin and Moscow regarding the violation of Finnish territory, the Prime Minister replied in the negative. — Reuter.

## ESPIONAGE HUNT IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, To-day.

The loss of one of the many Dutch ships sunk recently is attributable to espionage activities in Holland, according to the "Telegraaf."

As a result of recent developments, the routine of Dutch Government departments has been abruptly tightened up and searching enquiries are now made before important dossiers are handed over to those asking for them.

It is forbidden to leave plans and documents lying on desks during the night.

In the meantime, the police, following up clues in connection with the espionage activity have made many arrests and more are possible. — Reuter.

## MEDICALS BEATEN

Royal Army Medical Corps were beaten by a Navy fifteen in a friendly Rugby game at Causway Bay yesterday by a goal, and three tries (14 points) to a goal, a penalty goal and a try (11 points).

At the interval Medicals were leading by 6 points to 5. Minick opened the scoring for Navy with a try which Jeffery converted. Medicals reduced the lead with a try by Macdonald, and before the interval Morgan kicked a penalty goal for them.

In the second half Navy scored the remaining points through Jones, Marron and Minick, while Medicals replied with a try by Plumb which was converted by Morgan.

## TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Club "A" are pitted against Royal Engineers in to-day's Rugby match at the Valley, commencing at 5.15 p.m. The following is the Club team: Walkden; Gratton, Day, Macleod and Lavalle; Thomson and Bidwell; Godfrey, Salter, Stoker; Roscoe, Needham; Burford, Benn and Heasman.

Gratton is a newcomer to the game, and Thomson, who did so well at scrum-half last Saturday, is being given an opportunity at fly-half.

## STERN STRUGGLE IN LADIES' TENNIS TIE

In second round of the women's doubles Colony tennis championship at U.S.R.C. yesterday, Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Litton beat Mrs. L. R. Andrews and Miss A. Tylor 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR B.E.F.

London, To-day.

The King and Queen are sending Royal Christmas cards to all members of the Army and R.A.F. serving in France. — Reuter.



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## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE VANISHING  
DESMOND FAMILY

By VINCENT TOWNE

One of the most baffling disappearance mysteries of the past century involved nine members of the same family—a mother, her five children, her nephew, niece and the latter's mother.

This enigma of the vanished Desmond family dates back to 1835, in which year two brothers, Daniel Joseph and James T. Desmond were sharing an office at 99 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. James became but a struggling merchant and died poor. Daniel became a prominent lawyer and when he died left an estate valued at \$20,000 which to this day remains unsettled, because his daughter, Mary, and the widow and five children of his brother completely and mysteriously vanished.

In 1841, Daniel had become consul general for His Holiness, Pope Pius IX. The Philadelphia directory for 1844 described him as "consul general for the Pope, vice consul for Sardinia, consul for Austria, Portugal and Tuscany." It was during an epidemic of cholera which swept Philadelphia in 1849 and 1850 that he fell a victim to the Black Angel.

Years previously, he had married a Miss Pink Blyden, daughter of Governor General Blyden of the West Indies. Of eight children born to the couple five died in infancy. Daniel was survived by his wife and the remaining three children—Mary, Edward and Henry. They and their mother continued to reside in Philadelphia until 1864, when they moved to New York, but, with the exception of Edward, definite trace of all of them is lost from that date.

Records of the War Department show that Edward enlisted in the Army on November 16, 1865, and that when his term of enlistment ended in 1868 he re-entered the ranks. He died at one of the Western posts. During the entire time that he was in the service he had been stationed in the Far West, and for this reason he was not present when either his mother or his brother Henry died. But it is known that he wrote many letters purposed to locate his sister, Mary, and was not successful.

While misfortune was thus visiting the family of Daniel Desmond, that of his brother, Joseph, was having troubles, too. James died not long after Daniel, and was survived by his widow and five children—Clement, Joseph, James, Charles and Mary L. They were not left in comfortable circumstances and so, like the family of Daniel, they removed to New York, that they might be near their relatives. It is not quite certain just when this migration took place, but they were in New York at the time Mrs. Pink Blyden Desmond died, for the latter daughter, Mary, made her home with them after the death of her mother.

But not only Mary but her aunt and five cousins thereafter vanished without leaving the slightest trace.

The house in which this branch of the Desmond family lived became a place of mystery, and neighbours found unending interest in peering through the windows, as though expecting to find some solution of the mystery inside.

It hardly seemed possible that seven persons could disappear so completely. Mary was said to have taught school in New York for a number of years previous to her mother's death; but a careful search of the records of the public and parochial schools failed to show that she was a teacher at any time. Her name did not even appear in any of the New York City directories. For that matter, neither did those of her mother, brother, aunt or five cousins.

Five hundred Desmond families living in the United States and Canada were questioned by letter. The results



Edward Wrote Many Letters Hoping To Locate His Sister.

were unsatisfactory. None of the missing nine died in New York or Brooklyn, if the files of the Board of Health are reliable, and none of them was a any time a patient in the public hospitals or an inmate of any of the city prisons or other institutions, of Greater New York.

Attempts have been made to trace

the missing Desmonds in lists of victims of railway and steamship accidents that have occurred since 1869, but to no avail.

The fate of Mrs. James T. Desmond, of her daughter, Mary L., her sons, Joseph, Charles, James and Clement, and her niece, Mary remains as one of the most perplexing riddles of the past century.

GANG FIGHT  
IN KOWLOON

A GANG FIGHT BETWEEN CINEMA TICKET RACKETEERS OCCURRED OUTSIDE THE TAI YAT THEATRE AT YAUMATI AT 9 P.M. YESTERDAY.

Some 20 persons were involved. Some used files with the result that one was stabbed in the right arm and left side of the body.

He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital. No arrests have been made.

NEW CHUNGKING  
RADIOTELEPHONE

Chungking, To-day. Chungking and Moscow will soon be connected by radio-telephone.

Tests have recently been carried out, and, according to officials of the Ministry of Communications, these were very satisfactory. — Our Own Correspondent.

Sanitary Inspector J. M. Boyd, lost one of his uniforms yesterday. It was stolen from the clothes-line in the rear of his house at No. 7, Cameron Road, Kowloon.

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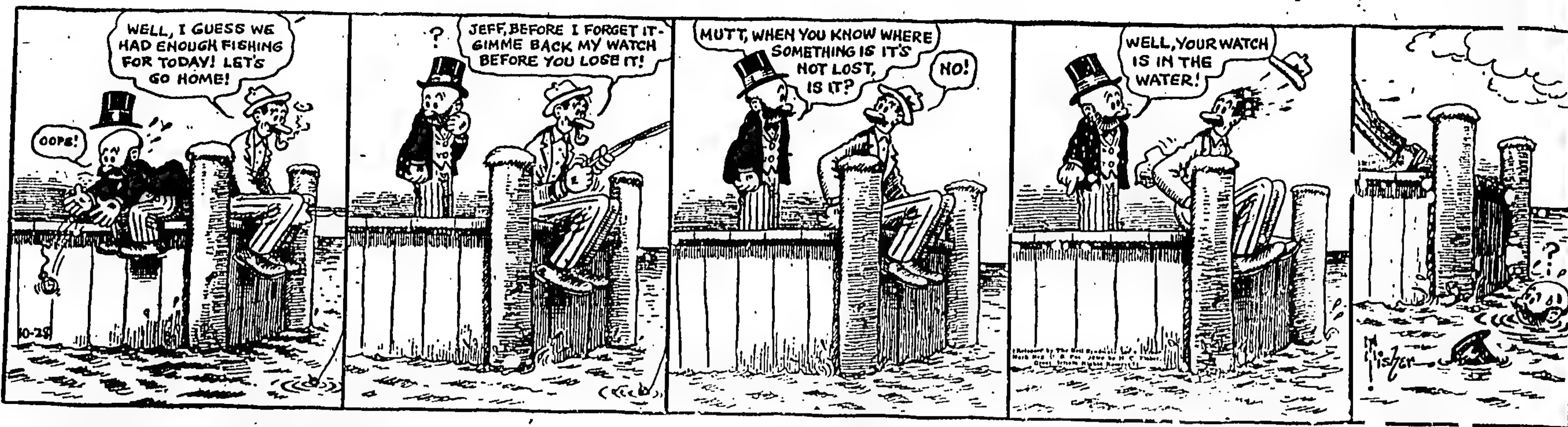
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# To-day's Wireless

"Rigoletto" Act I  
With La Scala  
Chorus

6.00 p.m.—DVORAK—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 53 & Other Compositions.  
6.47 p.m.—A Short Piano Recital by Backhaus.  
7.05 p.m.—PERCY FLETCHER—Sylvan Scenes Suite, London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Clifford Greenwood.

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.  
9.52 Megacycles

7.17 p.m.—SONGS by Peter Dawson

(Bass-Baritone).  
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Orchestre Symphonique de Paris. Norwegian Rhapsody (Lalo).  
8.10 p.m.—STUDIO—"Some Great Poets"—6: Browning. A talk by Father Ryan, S.J.  
8.30 p.m.—STUDIO—Lalo Trio played

Prue Lewis (Violin), J. R. M. Smith (Piano) & Ettore Pellegatti ('Cello).  
9.00 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.  
9.05 p.m.—STUDIO—Comments on Recent Events.  
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.  
9.30 p.m.—BEETHOVEN—Quartet in C Sharp Minor, Op. 131. Busch Quartet.  
10.13 p.m.—VERDI'S "Rigoletto" Act 1.  
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Matters of Moment". Talk by the Right Hon. Herbert Morrison M.P.  
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



(By The Four Aces)

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A "DUPLICATE" DOUBLE

We must say that we sympathise with South to-day. He did have a tremendous hand. However, the game was match-point Duplicate, and unfortunately for South, West's "cream puff" double was successful.

fence had five tricks and the Ace of trumps set the contract. East and West had scored 200 points for what proved to be practically a top score.

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

East, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable  
♠ 9 8 5  
♥ J 6 5 2  
♦ Q 9 8 7  
♣ J 3  
♠ 10 7 6  
♥ Q 7  
♦ J 6 4 3  
♣ A 9 8 6  
N  
W  
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S  
♠ A 4 3  
♥ A K 10 4  
♦ 3  
♣ K 5 2  
♠ K Q J 2  
♥ 9 8  
♦ A 10  
♣ K Q 10 7 4

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♥ 2♣ Dbl. Pass  
Pass Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts and continued the suit. On the third lead South ruffed with the four (it would have done no good to discard), and West over-ruffed and put his partner in with a spade. East now led another high heart. This time Declarer let go of the ten of diamonds, since it was a sure loser anyway. Now the de-

♠ A Q J x x x x  
♥ x  
♦ Q x x  
♣ x x  
The bidding:  
Jacoby Schenken You Maier  
1♥ 1NT (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades. You want to show your seven-card suit now while you can. At the same time your partner will know that your hand is not very strong, else you would double one notrump. Score 100% for two spades, 60% for pass.

QUESTION NO. 276  
To-day Merwin Maier is your partner and you hold:

♠ K Q J 6  
♥ K Q 8  
♦ 10 8 5  
♣ 7 4 3  
The bidding:  
Maier Schenken You Burnstone  
1♥ Pass (?)  
What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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## BADMINTON

### ST. TERESA'S MAKE DEBUT THIS EVENING AGAINST KING'S

(By "ADREM")

THERE IS A FAIRLY full programme of "B" Division Badminton League matches down for decision this evening most interesting of which should be the fixture between St. Teresa's and King's College.

This match will mark St. Teresa's debut to the League. They have selected a very useful side, five of them having played regularly in the League.

There is one newcomer, Austin Ho. A brilliant player, Ho, like so many other local players, hails from Malaya where he is said to have played a good deal.

In practice with Albert Ulrich, former V.R.C. player, Ho has worked up quite a sound combination and provided he does not allow the importance of the occasion to affect his play, this pair should do quite well.

Other pairings have been well tried in the Kowloon Tong team of the last two seasons, John Chen and Francis Tsang; Peter Lo and brilliant left-hander Joe Tsang comprising two formidable pairs.

King's, who played in "A" Division last season, are relying on the same team which beat St. Andrew's last week and will have to pull out all they know to secure the points this evening.

#### H. KEW BACK

Another fairly interesting match should see St. Andrew's strengthened by the inclusion of Henry Kew, who arrived from long leave last Thursday, take a couple of points from Kowloon Tong.

The suburbanites will be represented by four members of their team of last year in R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko; and N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher. Other pair will be A. E. H. Castro and Lee Kam-ming, the latter a player of considerable promise.

The fact that they are playing at home and have probably had more practice than St. Andrew's might just turn the scale in the home team's favour.

In the other game, St. John's should have little opposition from the K.C.C. team, apart from that which should be provided by A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, and should win with the utmost ease.

Following is the programme and the teams:

K. Tong	v	St. Andrew's
King's College	v	St. Teresa's
K.C.C.	v	St. John's

TEAMS  
St. Andrew's:—E. F. Fincher and H. Kew; W. M. Gilles and A. E. P. Guest; A. E. Brown and A. S. Ellis.  
King's College:—K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo; W. C. Chung and K. H. Lo; T. Lum and S. P. Chan.  
Kowloon Tong:—R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko;

B. P. C. Fletcher and N. A. E. Mackay; A. E. H. Castro and Lee Kam-ming.  
K.C.C.:—P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher; A. Keven and Merritt; E. Curtis and R. Broadbridge.

St. John's:—F. H. Kwok and David Kwok; N. Smith and P. Wilson; R. Beaven and F. H. W. Maynard.

St. Teresa's:—John Chen and Francis Tsang; Peter Lo and Joseph Tsang; and Austin Ho and Albert Ulrich.

### RECREIO "A" START CONVINCINGLY

"A" Division of the Badminton League opened on Monday night when Club de Recreio beat Chung Wah by seven games to two.

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (Recreio).  
beat S. C. Leung and C. F. Chiu . . . 21-10  
beat W. C. Choy and S. S. Li . . . 21-14  
beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu . . . 21-10  
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio).  
beat Leung and Chiu . . . 21-9  
beat Choy and Li . . . 21-10  
beat Leung and Chiu . . . 21-5  
C. C. Pereira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio).  
lost to Leung and Chiu . . . 20-24  
lost to Choy and Li . . . 18-21  
beat Leung and Chiu . . . 31-9

### K'LOON GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

The following are golf results at Kowloon Golf Club:

The 36 Holes Medal Competition from scratch played on the Kowloon Course on Sunday was won by A. J. Dennis, the runner up being A. E. Davies.

The following qualified for the Championship, the first round of which has to be played off by 17th December.

The draw is as follows:—  
W. A. Stewart v C. G. Anderson  
A. Eastman v S. Jex  
E. C. Fincher v W. V. Ahern  
A. E. Davies v W. C. Simpson  
E. F. Fincher v F. C. Barry  
T. Lamb v W. S. Hillier  
R. K. Collings v A. J. Dennis  
A. A. Lopes (bye into 2nd round).



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## INTERESTING GAME AT CHATER ROAD

(By "ADREM")

What, on paper, should have been the finest match on Saturday's programme, the fixture at King's Park between Recreio seniors and Craigengower Cricket Club, was a complete fiasco.

Craigengower, batting second, were given barely an hour to make 146 and quite understandably made no effort.

The Valley team were sadly lacking in bowlers as neither of their opening men, Francis Zimmermann nor P. J. Billimoria were able to play. George Winch, promoted from the seconds, tried nobly and did very well to secure 2 for 19 in 9 overs but brunt of the work was borne by A. H. Ismail, a left hander, who kept one end going continuously for just over 13 overs to return one of his finest performances for some time — 7 for 73.

Recreio batsmen were none of them particularly brilliant, Luigi Gosano making 17, J. Gosano 28 and Nick Beltrao taking full advantage of promotion in the batting order to make an unusually restrained 28. Later Willie Reed played a typical innings of 25 and was undefeated.

Craigengower had a sticky few minutes at the start of their innings when E. L. Gosano, bowling from the pavilion end, was swinging across and turning away in a most disconcerting manner. He bowled H. P. Lim with a real beauty after that batsman had looked extremely miserable; A. R. H. Esmail took a half-hearted crack at one on the off and presented J. Gosano with a simple catch, while W. Hong Sling, who was keeping them out of his wicket not always in the method dictated by the book, was bowled when he hit over a ball which appeared to be over-pitched.

### LEE'S FINE FOOTWORK

All this, however, took up time as E. A. Lee, who used his feet very nicely, had been defending stoutly. When J. L. Youngsaye managed to stay put and even began to crack them a bit, Recreio's opportunity of winning passed and Craigengower never had any difficulty in playing out time.

I don't know what prompted Rodrigues to hang on so long. Either he had an extraordinary amount of faith in his bowlers or a great deal of respect for the opposing batsmen. It was an unfortunate finish to what might have been a very interesting match.

Everything else at Kowloon Cricket Club was overshadowed by the fine effort of Ernie Fincher in scoring 79 not out on the first occasion on which he had touched a bat since his return from leave a few days previous.

Anderson gave K.C.C. a good start although I am told he was unnecessarily cautious in scoring his 25. Fincher, as was to be expected, also spent a good deal of time looking them over. Later he brought all his strokes into operation and off-drove and square-cut with all the crispness of his heyday.

Brother Teddy, with 20, was the only other batsman to make any runs and a declaration was made at 156 for 7.

A. R. Minu, who bowled as steadily as usual, met with most success with the ball and, bowling nearly twice as many overs as anyone else, took 4 for 57.

Indians made a great effort to get the runs and were only 23 runs behind when stumps were drawn.

I was particularly pleased that A. H. Rumjahn got some runs. This veteran, who was probably playing senior League cricket before many members of either team were born, was very steady to top-score with a studious 37.

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### GOLF CLUB DRAW

The draw of the match play stages of the Captain's Cup of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club resulted as follows:

T. Megarry (11) v. G. Riddell Carre (16); J. W. Mayhew (10) v. W. W. C. Shewan (9); J. E. Richardson (10) v. D. S. Edward (4); M. J. Reidy (21) v. G. B. S. Thomson (14); C. H. Burton (10) v. J. Forbes (12); T. E. Pearce (14) v. N. K. Littlejohn (10); L. M. S. Lloyd (15) v. J. T. Smith (2); W. Hewitt (13) v. S. T. Butlin (15).

First round to be played on or before January 1, 1940; second round by January 14; semi-final by January 28; and final by February 11.

**OTHER SPORT  
ON PAGE 14**

## NO. 3 (M.G.) COY., H.K.V.D.C. TO PLAY MIDDLESEX REGT.

It is generally agreed that the Volunteer Defence Corps is now capable of turning out a side capable of beating any other combination in the Colony.

Some idea of the talent in the Corps will be appreciated by the team that has been selected to represent one company — No. 3 (M.G.) Company — against Middlesex Regiment on Craigengower ground on Sunday week.

This is the team:—Lt. D. J. N. Anderson, C.Q.M.S. E. C. Fincher, Sgt. G. Winch, Sgt. E. Zimmermann, L/Cpl. N. A. E. Mackay, L/Cpl. D. Hung, Pte. F. R. Zimmermann, Pte. A. Zimmermann, Pte. W. L. Rapley, Pte. T. A. Madar and Pte. W. K. Way. Twelfth man is Pte. R. T. Broadbridge, scorer Sgt. V. White and umpire Pte. T. Locke. The match will start at noon.

## E. CURTIS MAKES FINE DEBUT TO LOCAL CRICKET

(By "ADREM")

There was some tall scoring at Sookunpoo where Royal Engineers drew with Police. In the absence of A. E. Carey, who arrived late, J. L. Stephens opened with Tommy Hunter for Police but nice new bat notwithstanding, was dismissed by Shipp off the first ball he received.

Pope, who is in great form at the moment, batted solidly for his 52, which included only seven boundaries, and he was well supported by Forrest, who went in No. 10 and made 33.

Sappers found run-getting a simple matter and of those who batted only Capt. Parsons failed. Capt. Freeman made 41, Spr. Heath 20. Sgt. Shipp 19 and Spr. Pelham 17 not out.

Also at Sookunpoo, the Junior Champions, K.C.C. had a nine-wicket win over I.R.C. in a match which demonstrated yet once again how badly the Indians' batting needs shaking up.

E. Curtis, a newcomer to local cricket, met with extraordinary success with his fastish medium right-handers and I.R.C. batsmen were never able to get on top of him. In six overs he took 5 for 14 and, well supported by P/O Nancarrow and F. Mills, who has played one or two matches for the senior team with some success, the Indians were dismissed for 91.

Only a stand between A. K. Minu (28) and T. Ali (21 not out) saved Indians from utter rout.

After Mulcahy had made 6, Francis Lay and his former headmaster, G. A. Goodban, became associated and hit off the runs without loss. Both batted breezily, Lay being particularly severe on the bowlers.

Abbas bowled steadily but F. A. Curreen's slow leg-spinners, met with most success, he taking 5 for 12 in four overs when K.C.C. batsmen were having a dip.

### GEGG'S DAY OUT

W. S. Gegg, former C.B.S. schoolboy, had a good afternoon at the expense of his former schoolmates at Pokfulam and followed up an innings of 40 with 5 for 44.

Central British, after starting their season spectacularly, are now passing through the doldrums and have been defeated fairly frequently of late.

Their bowlers were particularly ineffective on Saturday and in addition to Gegg, K. Y. Tam, who batted stylishly for 28 and N. Singh (41 not out) also made runs.

I am told that Weller batted with his usual confidence revealing a polished array of strokes in making 30, while Lockhart, who occasionally plays for Civil Service, made 28.

Gegg's bowling was too fast for school batsmen as a whole, however, and they never looked like getting the runs.

Hitherto chief handicap to Recreio Juniors' championship hopes has been their inability to score runs. They can have no complaint about Saturday's performance in this department. M. A. Remedios was highest scorer with 28 but they realised a total of 154. Other useful contributions were made by H. M. "Polly" Xavier, A. M. Prata, H. A. Barros (again) and J. A. Soares while there were several double-figure scores in addition.

### WAY'S FINE INNINGS

Craigengower fared poorly against the varied Recreio attack and Bill Way's 43 not out was an invaluable effort. Remedios, going on late, took 3 for 9 but A. V. Gosano bore the brunt of the work and took 4 for 44.

In the only other match, St. Joseph's just lost to their traditional rivals, Diocesan Boys' School, by the narrow margin of 16 runs. Fisher was the hero of the match making a subdued 53, while Mazza got 25 not out.

A great stand between R. Silva and P. Rull placed the Saints in a winning position but the remainder of the St. Joseph's batsmen were unable to rise to the occasion.

There is one change in the Island ladies' team selected to play against Mainland ladies on Sunday in the Charity Hockey Festival.

Owing to the inability of Mrs. Skinner to play, Miss Stella Roberts, of St. Andrew's, has been invited to fill the vacancy.

wood, the former utilising some very effective strokes with a cross bat, while A. R. Kitchell batted correctly for 24 not out.

**GROSE'S ATTRACTIVE KNOCK**  
I must confess that I hardly expected the Club-cum-Civil Service side to do as well as they did against Army, having regard to the strength of the latter and the fact that Club, even with the addition of the Civil Servants, were not by any means strong.

It was a good match, however, scoring on both sides being high, and although faced with 195, Club were only 17 behind when stumps were drawn with their last two men in.

Capt. Grose and Q.M.S. Paterson gave Army a fine start, both batting with supreme confidence. Grose's knock was particularly attractive and he produced some beautiful off-drives.

Godby also batted breezily and Sgt. Denyer, who has always done something recently whether with bat or ball, hit lustily for 54. His most productive strokes were lofted drives and a shot which land in Chater Road for a lovely six.

Perry bowled steadily but did not have a great deal of luck. Divett was erratic and Robb's slow spinners broke up a couple of dangerous partnerships.

### GOOD CATCHES

Special mention must be made of Carey's fine catch in the country to dismiss Grose and Robb's snappy effort in the slips to dispose of Whatman.

Club started off well, Richardson settling down at once to score freely. Fortescue, however, has been seen to better advantage. Kilbee was shaping well when he was caught by Whatman off Denyer; Thomson made a nice 18 and Ride and Perry both went for the runs from the word go.

It was an interesting game all through.

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# MR. W.G. POY ON AJAX CAUSES MAJOR SENSATION

## Mr. Chao's Clever Handling of Galaxy In Main Event

### MR. W.K. YEUNG'S FINE WIN ON CHATTERBOX

(By "RAPIER")

THE DELIGHTFUL WEATHER conditions which prevailed last Saturday for Hong Kong Jockey Club's Twelfth Extra Race Meeting, were undoubtedly responsible for the large gathering of racing enthusiasts.

A sensation was caused in the seventh race when Ajax, ably ridden by Mr. W. G. Poy, won the Auld Reekie Handicap, the second leg of the "Daily Double." None of the 44 backers of Chatterbox for the first leg securing the right combination, the double pool of \$7,423 was carried over to the next meeting.

Mr. C. Encarnacao headed the list of successful jockeys with two wins and the Li Po Chun stable came out on top with two wins and a second.

Main event of the day, the St. Andrew's Stakes, was won by Galaxy, second favourite, which was cleverly ridden by Mr. L. B. Chao. The handsome trophy which accompanied this event was handed over to the owner-jockey by Dr. G. D. R. Black, Chief-tain of St. Andrew's Society, amidst enthusiastic applause.

#### SMILING TIME'S EFFORT

The opening race, Glasgow Handicap for "E" Class China ponies and subs of this season that had not won more than \$500 in stakes since January 1, 1939, resulted in an easy win for Smiling Time (Mr. Encarnacao). The rise of the barrier saw three ponies, Heddon (Mr. P. P. Botelho), Rose

Day (Mr. S. W. Pan) and Palmer (Mr. S. W. Tang), shoot out practically together and this order was maintained till past the Rock. Smiling Time being satisfied with fourth position. On rounding the bend Smiling Time first overhauled Rose Day, then Heddon, and Palmer near the two mile post to take a lead which it maintained to the end, despite Mr. Liang's efforts on Lucky Eleven, which came second. King's Parade came through with a fine burst of speed to nose out Palmer for third place.

The Lanark Handicap, over a mile, was for Australian subscription ponies of any season that had not won two or more races since January 1, 1939.

Cockleroi (Mr. Needa) was made favourite but disappointed its 1,261 backers by placing third.

Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black) took the lead followed by Cockleroi and Derby Day (Mr. Liang). These positions were maintained until after the Rock was passed, when Double Finesse (Mr. Pan) displaced Derby Day and A Grand Time moved up to fourth position. On reaching the last quarter A Grand Time went ahead with Cockleroi second, and when the straight was reached Baffin Bay came through strongly on the inside and, passing Cockleroi near the Members' Stand, challenged A Grand Time without avail. Cockleroi was third.

#### SPECTACULAR BURST

The St. Andrew's Stakes, regarded as the main event of the day, attracted all the entries but one. New Star (Mr. P. P. Botel-

ho) forced the pace from the start, with Jobber (Mr. H. M. Botelho) and Heetic View (Mr. Y. T. Fung) well up. Coming to The Rock for the second time, Jobber was leading with Galaxy (Mr. Chao) a couple of lengths behind, followed by Rose Emily (Mr. Encarnacao) and Red Feather (Mr. Needa).

On rounding the bend Mr. Chao sent Galaxy through to pass Jobber with such a powerful burst that he took the field by surprise.

By the time the others realised what had happened, he was far out in front.

In the straight the pony had a commanding lead and all Mr. Needa, on Red Feather, could do was to take second place. Moonlight View was third.

In the Gorbals Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class China ponies, backers of National Pride were given a thrill when they saw their pony unseat Mr. S. W. Tang and then bolt twice round the course before being caught.

National Pride took the lead and maintained it until after The Rock was passed, when it faded out of the race.

Galveston Bay (Mr. Black) took command at this juncture with Lovely Star (Mr. Pan), Rose Queen (Mr. Poy), Rose Fiana (Mr. Encarnacao) and Taxing Master (Mr. Chao) following in that order. Coming down the straight Mr. Encarnacao sent Rose Fiana out in front with Galveston Bay and Taxing Master following. Taxing Master passed Galveston Bay near the band stand and fought out the finish with Rose Fiana, only to lose by a neck. Had Mr. Chao challenged earlier he might have won.

#### FIRST BIG UPSET

The fifth race, the Gallowgate Handicap (First Section), for "D" Class China ponies ridden by novice jockeys, was the first leg of the "Daily Double", and was featured by the first big upset of the day.

Estover (Mr. Trevorton) was regarded as a certainty for this race owing to its sprinting ability, but it disappointed badly. Zero (Mr. Haymes) took the lead followed by West Lake (Mr. Cheape) and Chatterbox (Mr. Yeung Wing Kwai). West Lake passed

Zero on coming into the straight as did Chatterbox. On nearing the winning post it also passed West Lake. While these two ponies were fighting it out Night View (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) came up strongly on the outside and overtook West Lake, but it was unable, however, to beat Chatterbox, to whom it lost by a short head.

There was another exciting finish in the sixth race, the Gorbals Handicap (Second Section) for "C" Class China ponies between Laughing Girl (Mr. Liang) and Scenic View (Mr. P. P. Botelho), which dead-heated for second place at the last meeting.

With two furlongs less on Saturday, Laughing Girl turned the tables. It took up the running from the start and maintained it all the way, although Scenic View (Mr. Pih) failed only by a neck.

#### PUMPERNICKEL FAILS

The best dividend of the day was paid in the second leg of the "Daily Double," the Auld Reekie Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies, over the mile. Pumpernickel (Mr. Proulx) carried the bulk of the money, but failed badly. Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and Discovery Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen) made the running, with Amber II (Mr. Ip Kul-ying) following close behind. On rounding the bend Ajax shot out in front and although it bored out slightly coming down the straight it went on to win quite easily. Meantime a keen struggle for second place between Roofly (Mr. V. V. Needa) and Violet Queen (Mr. H. M. Botelho), ended in a dead-heat.

Ajax's victory paid each of its 108 backers the sum of \$212.70 and \$40.20 for a place!

Last race of the day, the Gallowgate Handicap (Second Section) for "D" Class China ponies ridden by novice jockeys saw another upset.

#### FAVOURITE LEFT AT POST

Phoenix (Mr. H. M. Botelho), most heavily backed, was badly left at the start and was unplaced.

After some difficulty at the barrier, the ponies got away in semi darkness. Jack O'Lantern (Mr. G. Trevorton) shot out in front, closely followed by Portrush (Mr. K. W. Fung) and Golden Cow (Mr. C. F. Chiu), the ultimate winner. These positions were maintained until the Village Bend, when Jack O'Lantern was passed by Portrush with Golden Cow following a few lengths behind.

In the straight Portrush was running so well that I thought it would win, but Mr. C. F. Chiu, handling Golden Cow confidently, had no difficulty in overhauling it and went on to win comfortably by three lengths. Talkative (Mr. Cheape) took third place just ahead of the favourite.

Backers of Golden Cow were rewarded quite handsomely, \$116.80 being paid for a win and \$27.70 for a place.

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Gnr. Dobbinson, b Nancarrow	9
L/Bdr. Ward, b Nancarrow	10
Gnr. Billington, b Waddington	5
L/Bdr. McAmley, b Waddington	0
Gnr. Calthorpe, b Waddington	2
Lieut. Skipworth, not out	2
Extras (B4, W1)	5

Total ..... 102

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gillespie	8	1	29	4
Waddington	5	0	43	3
Nancarrow	6	0	25	3

#### R.A.F.

C. M. King, c Dilnot, b Ward	0
T. Lille, lbw., b Dobbinson	24
P/O Nancarrow, b Barsby	6
J. W. Pennington, b Barsby	0
J. Waddington, c Billington, b Ward	1
Lieut. L. McGovern, b Dilnot	3
L. Goodwin, b Ward	0
W. Gillespie, b Dilnot	0
T. Bartlett, c Dilnot, c Hodgson	4
W. Rix, not out	0
T. Lewis, b Hodgson	0
Extras (B20, LB9)	28

Total ..... 68

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barsby	7	3	15	2
Ward	9	3	18	3
Dilnot	3	1	3	2
Dobbinson	1	1	0	1
Hodgson	3	0	4	2

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

**LATEST REPORTS FROM Petsamo indicate that the Soviet manoeuvre by which the Finnish positions were to be outflanked, has failed and that the Soviet troops were beaten back with considerable losses.**

The Soviet forces advanced slightly on the Karelian Isthmus but met with stubborn Finnish resistance, which was greatly aided by numerous traps, mines and holes camouflaged in the marshes.

## LIKELY ACTION BY THE LEAGUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
GENEVA, TO-DAY.

OBSERVERS ARE OF OPINION THAT THE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY WILL CONDUCT A RAPID EXAMINATION OF THE FINNISH APPEAL AND WILL THEN PASS A SEVERE CONDEMNATION OF THE RED AGGRESSION AFTER WHICH THE COUNCIL WILL DECIDE THAT THE SOVIET HAS VIOLATED HER ENGAGEMENTS AND WILL EXPEL HER FROM THE COMMUNITY OF

During the past days the Finns claim to have taken 1,500 prisoners in the Salmi sector, in which there are large forests.

Despite rumours to the contrary, the nickel mines in Salmi are still in Finnish hands, but preparations have been made for them to be blown up.—Havas.

### NATIONS.

It is pointed out that exclusion can be pronounced only with the unanimity of the Council.

This creates a difficult situation for Latvia, which at present has no permanent seat.

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